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# PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FALL OF TOBRUK

Garrison Still Fights In Section Of Town  
**Resistance Not  
Expected To Last**

## ATTACK ON LEASE & LEND BILL

The Lease and Lend Bill was described as a measure "to authorise an undeclared war in the name of peace, and dictatorship in the name of defending Democracy," by Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday.

First formal indication of the attitude of the Republican minority towards the Bill in Congress was given by Senator McNary, Republican vice-presidential candidate in the recent presidential elections.

Senator McNary announced he opposed the Bill in its present form "because it grants extraordinary and total power to one person."

He emphasised, however, that he favoured all aid to Britain short of war. — Reuter.

## BURMA RAILWAY PROBLEMS

Mr. H. W. Kerr (Cons) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether in view of the possibility of the proposed Burma-Yunnan road for transport of Lancashire textiles into China after the war, the Secretary for India would suggest to the Burmese Government the desirability of preparing the section of this railway leading from the head of the present Burmese railway to the Chinese frontier.

Mr. L. S. Amery replied that the problems which the projected Burma-Yunnan railway presents are receiving the urgent consideration of Government.

Engineering difficulties were very great and so was the question of supply in present conditions of the materials required.

**THE FALL OF TOBRUK WAS ANNOUNCED PREMATURELY. AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GARRISON IS STILL FIGHTING AND A SECTION OF THE TOWN IS STILL IN THEIR HANDS.**

This is indicated by the official reports from Cairo and was also the subject of a statement by Mr. Fadden, the Federal Treasurer, last night. He stated that Mr. Spender, the Army Minister, who made the announcement, had spoken in good faith. Mr. Fadden said all were confident that Tobruk would fall soon.

The British attack by dusk on Tuesday had penetrated the defences of Tobruk to a depth of eight miles, and British forward troops had firmly established themselves in positions directly overlooking and within three miles of the town of Tobruk itself.

Yesterday, states an official communique from General Headquarters in Cairo, operations again developed satisfactorily.

## Hedge Hopping Ships

Confirmation that the French steamer Mendoza, which was trying to run the blockade from South America to Europe, has been intercepted by the British, was given by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the Commons yesterday.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Lab) who had suggested that the Mendoza be sunk, interposed to ask whether this "business of hedge-hopping along the coast of South America is to continue indefinitely with all French ships."

Mr. Alexander reminded Col. Wedgwood that the "question of international law affects not only a nation whose ships are intercepted but also other nations who are bound to respect the rights of the intercepted ships."

### Kassala Sector

In the Kassala sector of the Sudan the British pursuit continues of Italian forces which have now withdrawn over 40 miles eastwards of the frontier.

West of Metemma the enemy is also steadily giving ground in the face of continued pressure.

Enemy detachments which had been established on the British side of the Kenya frontier since the outbreak of war are everywhere being driven back by intensive patrol activities. — Reuter.

### Troops In Streets Of Tobruk

Imperial troops are now in the actual streets of Tobruk, though fighting continues on the western section of the outer perimeter.

Tobruk contained at least one Italian division, with a small element of another division, as well as permanent garrison troops and heavy additional artillery.

With the mopping up of the Tobruk forces Marshal Graziani will have lost two-thirds of the total Italian forces which were in Libya when operations first started on December 9.

The forces eliminated comprise the equivalent of eight Black Shirt or metropolitan divisions and three Libyan divisions. — Reuter.

### Many Prisoners

A large number of prisoners has been taken in the operations, the termination of which will not, it is expected, be long delayed.

Only 16 days have elapsed since Bardia fell and although our troops have been in contact with the enemy the whole time, for over a week thick sandstorms have swept the desert as our troops massed for the attack.

The strength of the Italian lines was felt out night after night.

It was found that the outer (Continued on Page 10)

### TWO ENEMY BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Two enemy bombers were destroyed by R.A.F. fighters yesterday.

The official communique announcing this states that shortly before dawn bombs were dropped on the Kent coast and later a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Little damage and no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

## Mr. Paul Spender 'Bombed'

Mr. Paul Spender, the Australian Army Minister, was "bombed" in his car by skylarking soldiers in Sydney yesterday.

The "bomb," which was made of a mixture of flour and chalk, "exploded" over Mr. Spender's chauffeur.

The soldiers, who were in a military truck with a shark tied on the back, threw the "bomb" as Mr. Spender was on the way from Palm Beach to the City.

Mr. Spender took the bombing in good part, saying: "The boys were having a good time. I don't intend to take any action." — Reuter.

### ENTIRE SUPPLY OF ORANGES BOUGHT

The Ministry of Food stated yesterday that all oranges produced in the British West Indies in the coming year will be bought by the British Government. — Reuter.

side on medical treatment and places where they are required to stay. — Reuter.

## AN OFFICIAL GUARDIAN APPOINTED

British children evacuated to South Africa will in future be under the guardianship of the Minister of Social Welfare, according to a decree issued in Capetown yesterday.

As official guardian he will de-



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# Man-Power Debate Speeches

## SOME MEMBERS NOT YET SATISFIED

THE FOLLOWING are representative views expressed in the Commons debate on man-power preceding Mr. Churchill's speech yesterday.

Mr. Clement Davies (Ind.), who was the leading figure in the so-called "ginger group" which operated during Mr. Chamberlain's Premiership, declared the Government was still doing too little and that property and persons must be subjected to greater discipline.

Mr. J. J. Lawson (Lab) appealed to members to beware lest they modify or undermine the fine temper and spirit of the great mass of workers.

Mr. M. S. McCordale (back-bench Conservative) said there was a certain uneasiness about the nation's production methods.

That was obviously felt by Mr. Churchill because of the changes he had made in the Government. But he (Mr. McCordale) thought the new production plan would work.

Dr. Edith Summerskill (Lab) pleaded for a propaganda effort to make the nation's womanhood more war-minded.

Another Labourite, Mr. A. Woodburn, contended that compulsion within industry was not necessary and would utterly fail. — *Reuter*.

## ISLANDS LEASED TO AMERICA

Two islands in the Bermuda group are to be leased to the United States for a period of ninety years to be used as flying-boat bases.

They are the Morgan and the Tucker islands. The Colonial Office states that when it was announced that an agreement had been reached on certain sites which were to be leased to the United States for bases in Bermuda and the British West Indies, it was stated in regard to Bermuda, that the United States had also asked for the use of one or more islands in the Great Sound. An agreement had now been reached. — *Reuter*.

## EXCHANGE TO BE ATTEMPTED

IN VIEW OF THE "PRIVILEGES" SUFFERED BY WOMEN AND CHILD MEMBERS OF PALESTINIAN FAMILIES DETAINED IN GERMANY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ENDEAVOURING TO EXPEDITE AN INTERCHANGE OF SUCH PERSONS WITH GERMAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT PRESENT DETAINED IN PALESTINE.

Action has already been taken, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. G. Hall, told the Commons yesterday, as a result of which it was hoped, with the good offices of the United States Embassy, soon to effect an exchange on a reciprocal basis. Negotiations were somewhat protracted but they were proceeding as speedily as possible. — *Reuter*.

## NAVY'S PART IN LIBYA WAR

OVER 54,000 PRISONERS AND MANY CAPTURED TANKS IN REPAIRABLE CONDITION HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MAIN BRITISH BASES BY NAVAL UNITS COOPERATING WITH THE ARMY IN LIBYA, ACCORDING TO AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON YESTERDAY, DESCRIBING THE FLEET'S SHARE IN THE RECENT ADVANCE.

Apart from naval bombardments of Italian positions and the removal of prisoners and booty, the Navy played a considerable part, it was stated, in supplying troops in forward positions.

In one short period, 3,000 tons of water were landed in the Bardia area for the army's use.

Transport continues to be largely solved by naval cooperation, large quantities of stores and materials of all kinds for the army and air force being landed daily at various points on the Libyan coast, and all these operations, in which the Australian Navy has played a successful part, have been carried out without loss. — *Reuter*.

## SUPREME COURT JUDGE RESIGNS

Mr. Justice McReynolds, of the United States Supreme Court, has notified President Roosevelt that he will be retiring on February 1.

Mr. McReynolds has served on the Court for 26 years and is the only Judge whom the Administration has described as "Conservative."

His retirement gives President Roosevelt an opportunity to make his sixth appointment to the nine-man Court.

The Attorney-General, Robert H. Jackson, has frequently been mentioned as the next possible candidate. — *Reuter*.

## U.S. NAVAL APPROPRIATION

The House of Representatives yesterday passed a Bill authorising the expenditure of £227,000,000 for the construction of four hundred submarine chasers and other small craft, and for the expansion of shipbuilding facilities. The Bill goes now to the Senate. — *Reuter*.

## CANADA'S BIG WAR EFFORT

The increasingly great part that Canada is playing in the Empire war effort was stressed in London yesterday by Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada.

Canada's naval strength has eight times the personnel and ten times the number of ships she had at the beginning of the war, he pointed out, and will continue to increase at the same rate for the next 12 months.

The air-training scheme is well ahead of schedule and the number of officers and other ranks in training is over one-third the number anticipated.

Within a few months, production will be over 70 per cent greater than the peak of the last war.

Canada is providing aeroplane frames, 3.7-inch anti-aircraft guns, 25-pounders, anti-tank guns, 5-inch and 6-inch naval guns, machine-guns of many types, tanks, 400 army lorries a day, optical instruments, precision instruments and several millions of shells a month, said Mr. Massey.

## AMERICAN SUPPLIES TO SOVIET

The lifting of the moral embargo on the export of aeroplanes and air equipment to the Soviet Union is unlikely to affect the form of war supplies to Britain, according to well-informed quarters in Washington.

No orders Russia could place could be fulfilled before 1943, if then.

The lifting of the embargo is little more than a "fine gesture."

Apart from the moral embargo, there are also a number of restrictions on the shipment of materials necessary for defence needs and connected with the plans to make United States industry into an arsenal for Britain.

Asked at his press conference yesterday whether material shipped to Russia might reach Germany, Mr. Cordell Hull replied: "I think you will find that the usual interest of this government in that phase of the situation is being taken." — *Reuter*.

## BARBAROUS GERMAN TACTICS

Twelve attacks have been made on British airmen after they had baled out of their machines.

This was disclosed in the Commons yesterday when the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, was asked how many British airmen had been shot at by enemy aircraft after they had taken to their parachutes.

Sir Archibald replied there was firm evidence to show that at least 12 of these contemptible attacks had taken place, in four of which airmen may have been killed.

Asked whether, in view of the fact that such practice was repugnant to all notions of what even nationality, some representation might be made to the German or Italian Governments, Sir Archibald replied he was not hopeful of any representations. — *Reuter*.

## MOBILISATION OF THE GREEKS IN EGYPT

The Greek Government has ordered the mobilisation of Greek citizens throughout Egypt between the ages of 20 and 45, says a Cairo message.

The formation of an Army Corps named the "Hellenic Column in Egypt" will follow. — *Reuter*.

## DUTCH TO BUILD FOOD RESERVES

The Netherlands Government has made arrangements for the purchase and storage of food and materials for the ultimate benefit of the people of the Netherlands.

When the Netherlands Government was forced to leave the country in order to continue their functions on foreign soil the Netherlands people were left with ample stored food and raw materials.

The Nazi exploitation of the Netherlands and its people, according to Dutch circles in London, soon reduced all available stocks to a minimum and serious hardship is now being experienced by the Dutch populace.

Queen Wilhelmina has just appointed the Netherlands commercial expert, Mr. Van Stolk, to whom has been assigned the task to contract all purchases for the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs.

A purchasing office will be opened in New York and goods will be purchased from the Netherlands East Indies, the British Empire and America, so that the Netherlands Government will have sufficient food and raw materials available to start a replenishment in the Netherlands at the first opportunity. — *Reuter*.

## STOCK EXCHANGE SLACK

Sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was cheered by the latest news in regard to Tobruk but the early promise of a resumption of activity failed to materialise. Gilt-edged occasionally strengthened but industrials and oils failed to show any definite trend. Among foreign bonds Brazilians were undecided while Far Easterns, especially Japanese, tended to go lower. Wall Street was quiet. — *Reuter*.

## Not A Ship Or Gun Lost

"As already announced the big convoy which underwent repeated aerial attacks in the Sicilian Straits was destined for Greece," said the Athens newspaper "Eleftheron Vima" yesterday.

"It brought a large quantity of invaluable war material. No ship or gun was lost."

"The British sailors preferred to receive the attacks' full weight and undergo whatever necessary loss and damage rather than that a cargo for a small Allied country be reduced however slightly."

"The episode shows with what self sacrificing spirit the British Fleet performs its appointed tasks. First duty is individual preservation, whether of ships or crews. That is the reason why the British Fleet is invincible." — *Reuter*.

## R.A.F. SUPPORT OF ARMY ATTACK ON TOBRUK

SUPPORTING THE ARMY attack R.A.F. bombers raided Tobruk on the night of Monday, states an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Bombs were dropped on anti-aircraft batteries two of which ceased firing, and on cross roads north-east of El Gubbi landing ground.

Violent explosions occurred among buildings.

British fighter patrols were very active throughout the day but no contact was made with the enemy.

In Albania, military objectives in Elbasan were raided on Tuesday. High explosive and incendiary bombs fell within the target area.

Military buildings and a railway line were hit and there was a violent explosion close to the railway.

Anti-aircraft opposition was encountered and enemy fighters were active.

### Massawa Raided

In Italian East Africa Massawa was raided on Monday night, the power station and a large factory being particular targets.

The railway station at Asha was attacked on Monday, bombs straddling the tracks while a direct hit was registered on a large building.

### Rhodesian Raiders

Troop-laden lorries were machine-gunned near Aden.

Several fires were started at Burye during a night raid on camps and forts.

Rhodesian aircraft machine-gunned enemy motor transport on the road between Kenu and Bisha, causing considerable damage.

South African planes successfully raided Javello, and scored direct hits on enemy bombers.

All British aircraft returned safely from all operations. — *Reuter*.

## HAPPY VALLEY MYSTERY

The discovery of an unidentified Chinese about 30 years of age lying in a pool of blood was made yesterday afternoon in Happy Valley.

The man was found badly injured and died on the way to hospital.

The police are investigating.



# RETREAT IN ERITREA

## Italians Take Refuge In The Highlands

### British Army Faces Delicate Task

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Abyssinian Frontier)

**WITHDRAWAL OF THE** Italians into the highlands of Eritrea has left the British to take the initiative of a 50-mile advance over ground which undoubtedly has been prepared with mines and booby traps.

After their defeat in the Western Desert, the Italians are taking no risks and at the last minute are hurriedly endeavouring to withdraw both material and troops in order to shorten their lines of communication.

This withdrawal has been dictated by the gathering of strong British forces along the Sudan-Abyssinian frontier coinciding with an open organised rebellion on the part of Ethiopian patriots.

The Italians realised they were unable to hold Kassala against an assault.

At the same time its capture by the British has had a heartening effect on the Ethiopian troops.

#### 60-Mile Convoy

British, Indian and Sudanese troops are assembled along a 1,200-mile front from the Red Sea to the shores of Lake Rudolph, and South Africans have played an important role in providing war material for this Imperial Army.

One South African convoy alone, which on the march had a space of 20 yards between each vehicle, measured 60 miles.—Reuter.

#### Retreat Continuing

The Italian retreat into Eritrea is continuing, according to the latest reports received here.

No serious fighting has occurred, but British forces are in close pursuit and harrying the Italian rear troops.

The enemy is expected to offer resistance at Agordat, a railway some eighty miles from the frontier, where it is presumed they will occupy prepared positions.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIANS LEADING NEW ETHIOPIAN ARMY

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Abyssinian Forces in the Sudan)

**THE FIRST CONTINGENT** of regular troops in the new Abyssinian Army was formerly entrusted by Emperor Haile Selassie yesterday morning to the leadership of a young Australian officer.

Vultures were circling overhead when, accompanied by the Crown Prince, the Duke of Hamar, the Emperor arrived on the parade ground where the troops were drawn up, each platoon headed by an Australian sergeant.

After inspecting the khaki-clad warriors with their British rifles and equipment, the Emperor addressed them on the task entrusted to them under their Australian commander, exhorting them to drive the invader from their country.

It is understood the contingent will shortly commence a difficult march of 150 miles into the heart of Abyssinia, taking camels laden with dynamite and bombs in order to blow up bridges and roads.

The Australian officers and N.C.O.'s in charge are volunteers and have been specially trained for the task ahead.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S AID TO GREECE

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, was asked in Parliament yesterday if the British Government proposed officially informing the Greeks of Britain's admiration for their magnificent stand.

The co-operation of the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., replied Mr. Attlee, indicated British confidence and determination to help the Greeks to achieve the final victory.

In addition to providing the Greeks with the sinews of war and over and above £46,000 sent to Greece from the Lord Mayor's Fund, the British Government has decided to send over £55,000 for relief purposes Mr. Attlee said.

### TURKEY GIVES RADIO WARNING TO GERMANY

A warning that "any Power wishing to strike against the immovable rock of Turkey," will find "the steel of Turkish arms" ready on the frontier, was given on the Ankara radio last night.

Commenting on rumours of troop movements in the Balkans, the announcer said that Turkey awaits and is fully prepared to defend her independence, with the bulk of her Army concentrated in the Straits.—Reuter.

### ALL U.S. DESTROYERS SAFE OVER

The fifty destroyers which were traded to Britain were now "on the other side," said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy Department, at a press conference yesterday.

He said there was one possible exception, namely, that of a destroyer which was damaged in a collision after being transferred, but, Colonel Knox added "Even this may be over there now."

Replying to questions, Colonel Knox denied that the British Government were now asking for American cruisers of the Wichita type.

"As a matter of fact, they are not asking for any more of our ships," he said.

In this connection, Colonel Knox was apparently referring to warships, for it is known that negotiations for purchase of merchant ships are proceeding.—Reuter.

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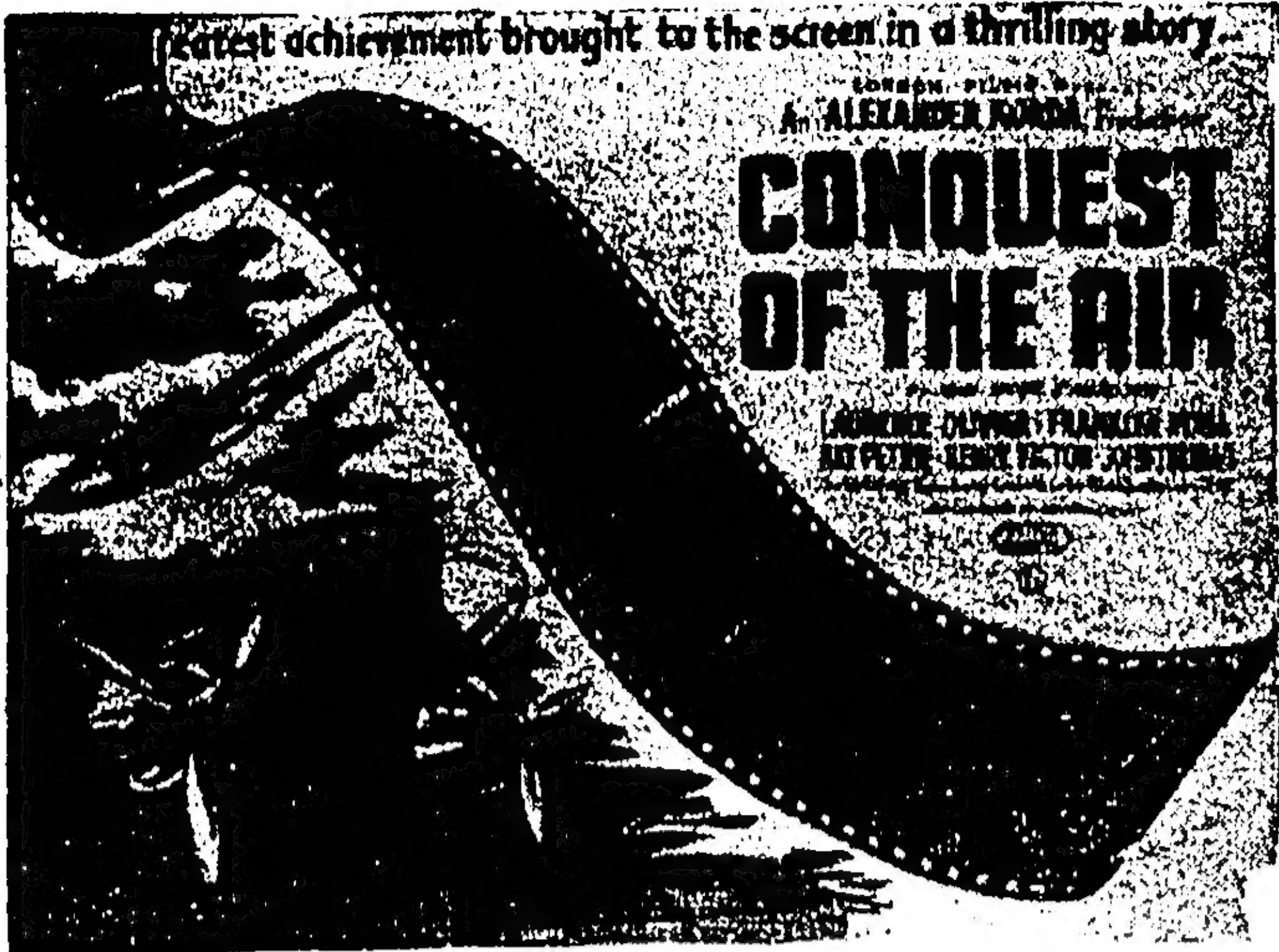
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# BRITAIN'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE IN THE PACIFIC

H. D. LIEM, LONDON correspondent of the Central News Agency of China, delivered a graphic address at a China Campaign Committee luncheon yesterday on Japan's aims in the Pacific.

Mr. Liem showed how Japan's position in Indo-China, Hainan, the Bonins, Caroline and Marshall Islands disorganises the British line of defence between Singapore and Australia.

Japan, he said, is now planning to intervene in the undeclared war between Thailand and Indo-China with the object of getting possession of the whole of Indo-China and thence extending control to Thailand and especially the Kra Peninsula, of long the object of her desires.

It must also be remembered, he said, that the Philippines attain full independence by 1945. The Japanese have been working for many years to establish a controlling interest there.

## Ultimate Fate

While the ultimate fate of the Pacific depends on Britain emerging victorious over Germany, Mr. Liem urged that the Dutch East Indies and China constitute Britain's first line of defence in the Far East.

Everything possible should be done, he said, to help China. There were still some people in England who fancied the Sino-Japanese War could be settled by a compromise.

Such a peace would be only temporary. The Chinese were fighting for fundamental principles of right and justice on which they will never give in.—Reuter.

## A PRAM FOR SALE

Outside a small working-class house in a South Wales town stands a perambulator, its metal parts gleaming.

It is almost new. A piece of cardboard hangs from the canopy. It bears the words, "For sale, Cheap."

It was a proud day for Mrs. Ethel James when she told her husband Ted, that she was expecting her first baby. Together they made plans for the arrival of the little visitor. There were things to buy, things to make, names to be decided on. Boy or girl? What did it matter so long

as it was a baby — their baby? One day Mrs. James met her husband as he left his work at a local factory. Together they visited a big store. When they left Mr. James was wheeling a pram. His wife walked smilingly beside him. "You may as well get used to wheeling it now," she said.

The great day arrived, and Mr. James was told at his work that he was the father of a son. Work for the day seemed out of the question, so he was told he could go home to his "family."

Fast as he travelled it was not fast enough for the new father. "Frederick Edward James," he muttered, as he gazed at his son.

Six weeks later Mr. James had another message at the works. "Go home at once," he was told. "Your house has been bombed."

He arrived just as they were removing the mangled body of his child. Mrs. James was injured.

Among the articles salvaged from the wrecked home was the pram. His wife walked smilingly undamaged.

Mr. and Mrs. James are now living with relatives a few streets away. It is outside their new home that the pram now stands.

## WENDELL WILLKIE LEAVES

Mr. Wendell Willkie left New York yesterday in the Yankee Clipper on his way to London.

Before leaving at the airport, Mr. Willkie said: "I believe strongly that the survival of England is the best assurance for keeping America out of the war and I think we should support the fighting men of Britain so that they can stop the onslaught of Hitlerism."

"I hope free men all over the world will join to stop totalitarianism."

A borrowed trench helmet was included in Mr. Willkie's luggage. — Reuter.

## SCOTTISH ARMS FACTORY EXPLOSION

An explosion occurred in an arms factory in Scotland yesterday resulting in four being injured.

Damage was slight and investigation of the incident is proceeding.—Reuter.

## BLUNT WARNING

A BLUNT WARNING FROM TURKEY THAT SHE IS NOT GOING TO BE "PUSHED AROUND" CAME FROM ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

Any power, said the announcer, which might want to strike at Turkey in Thrace is doomed to be broken there at the very source.

Those who wanted to strike their heads against a rock and those who felt this courage in themselves might try it!



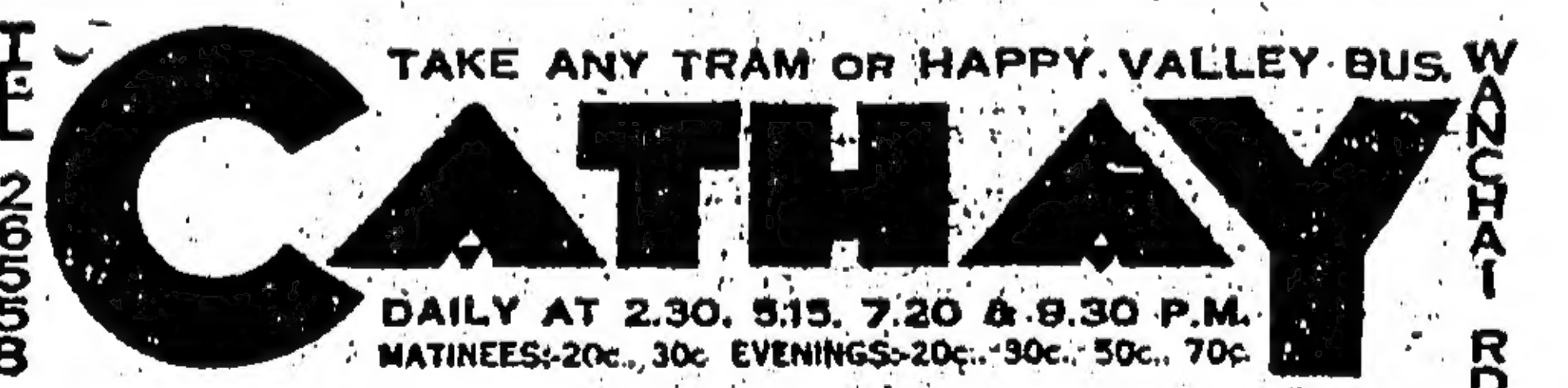
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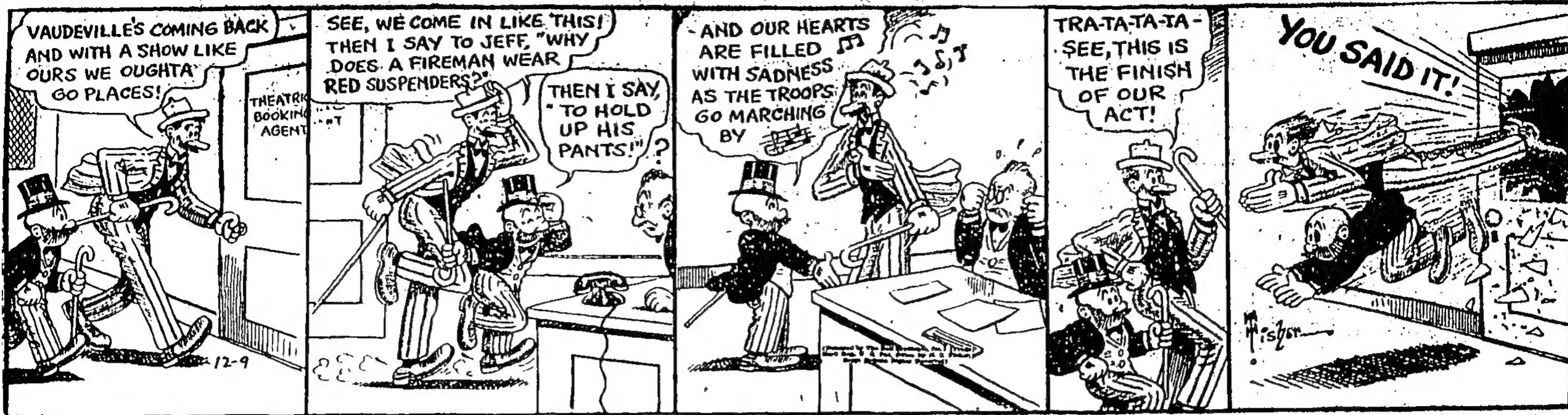


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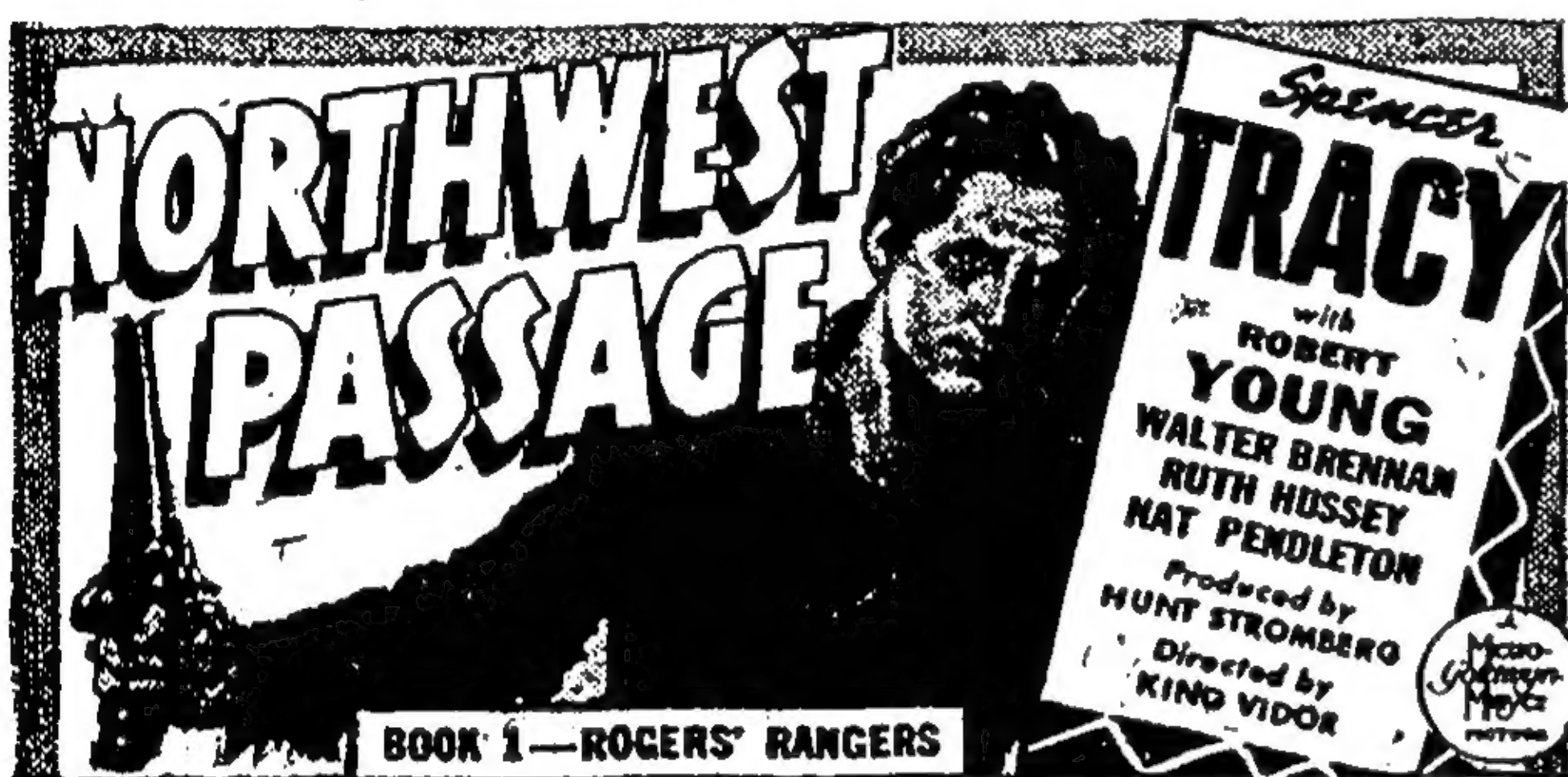
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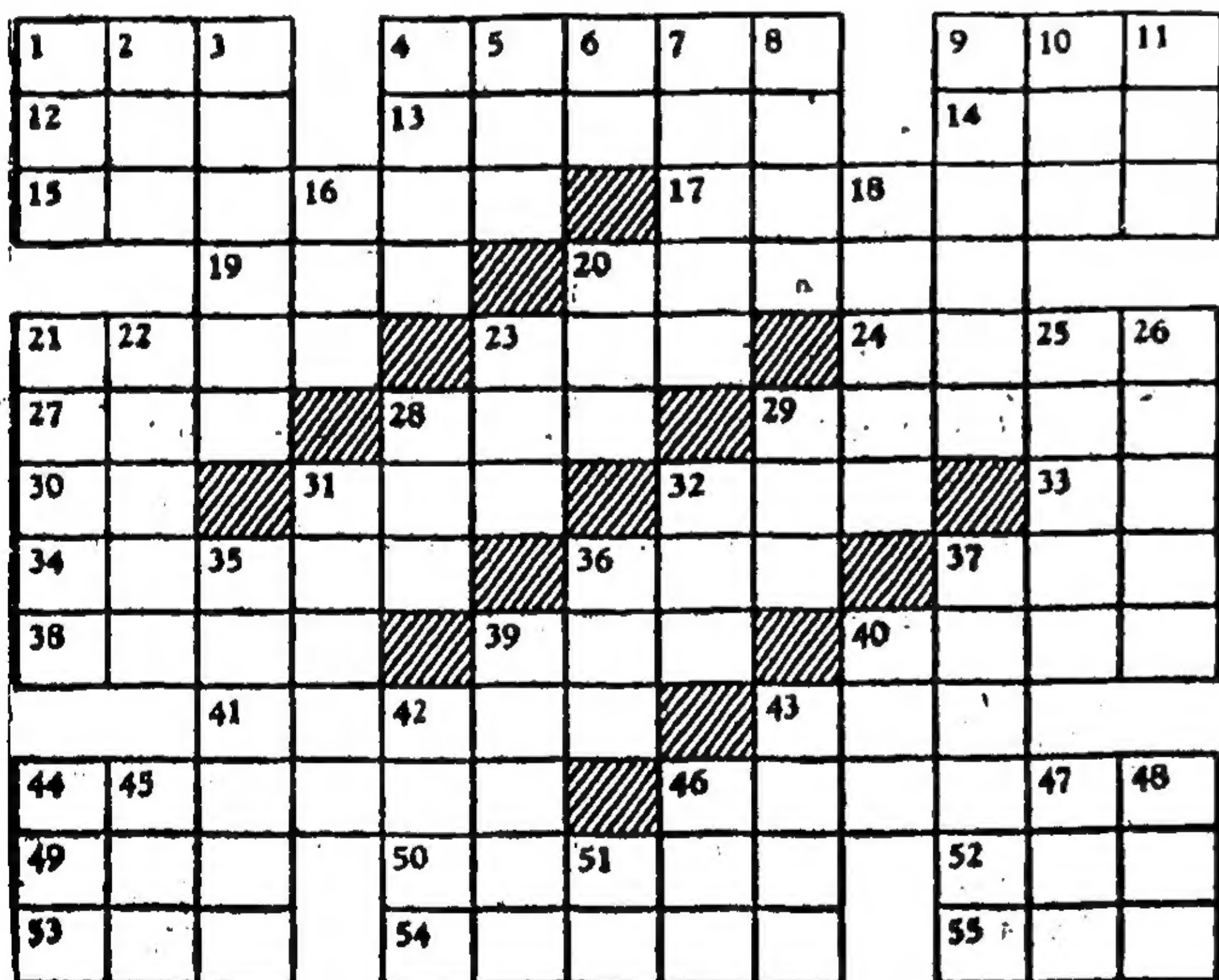
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- 9 Island
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- 13 Web-like membranes
- 14 To weep
- 15 Chinese river-boat
- 27 East-Indian native
- 19 Playing
- 20 Tree of the oak family
- 21 Notice
- 23 Dried grass
- 24 Trick
- 27 To go astray
- 28 Beetle
- 29 Factor
- 30 Behold!
- 31 To cut
- 32 To hurry
- 33 Cooled lava
- 34 Greek theatre
- 36 Preposition
- 37 Fruit seed
- 38 Movable shelter
- 39 To spread for drying
- 40 Sound accompanying respiration

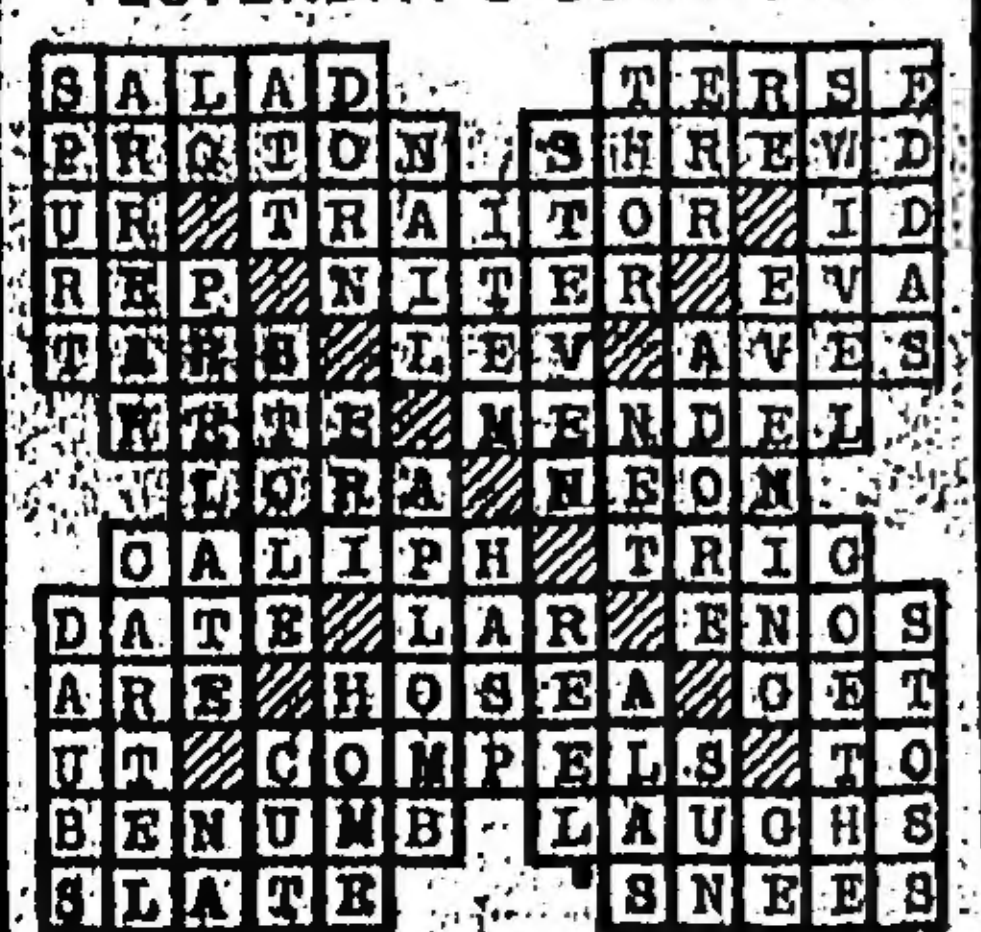
### VERTICAL

- 1 Foot-like part
- 2 Chalico
- 3 American
- 4 To remain
- 5 Knowledge
- 6 Italian article
- 7 To banter
- 8 To guide

### 9 To come

- 9 To come
- 10 Babylonian deity
- 11 War god
- 14 Seed container
- 18 Strong
- 21 Twisted silk
- 20 Swiss river
- 21 Spartan slave
- 22 To eat away
- 23 By what means
- 25 Gastropod
- 26 Public
- 27 Warehouse
- 28 To put on
- 29 Melody
- 31 Engine
- 32 Coal-scuttle
- 33 Whole
- 34 Turkish headgear
- 37 Insignificant
- 39 Claw
- 40 Law things
- 42 Bride
- 43 Ungratified
- 44 Tennis score
- 45 Pastry
- 46 To soak
- 47 Falsehood
- 48 To devour
- 51 Indo-Chinese language

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## CROWDS CHEER AS BOMBER FALLS

Londoners stood in the streets during the lunch hour and cheered wildly when they saw a Spitfire shoot down a German Dornier 17 bomber, the first enemy plane to come down in Central London.

People in Wilton-road, next to Victoria Station, ran for their lives when they saw the heavy bomber hurtling towards them. It crashed in flames, demolishing a jeweller's shop and damaging the station restaurant, where fifty women were taking shelter in a basement room.

The burning bomber jammed one end of the basement shelter, trapping all the women. They were released within a few minutes by a party of men, who broke down a locked door at the other end of the room.

There was no panic, and the women, most of them carrying knitting, filed out one by one. Outside they raised a cheer for the R.A.F.

"God bless our lads," said one old woman, who had been evacuated from her own home and had made the restaurant basement her temporary living quarters.

### No Panic

Badly shaken by the crash, she declared: "It's worth it when you see the devil down." Not one of the women, although trapped while the flames made their way through one end of the basement, was injured.

Their main worry was that their lunch upstairs had been spoilt.

Miss J. Mawbey, a young waitress at the restaurant, told me afterwards:

"The plane made a terrific noise as it crashed, but not one of the women — they were all members of the staff — seemed frightened. "Even when we found that the exit door had been left locked and had to be broken down to free us, some of the women continued with their knitting."

"There was absolutely no panic, and after we had taken a look at Jerry we tidied up the mess he had made. Fortunately there were no customers in the restaurant." Before the plane crashed its tail fell on to the roof of a building in Vauxhall Bridge-road. It did no damage.

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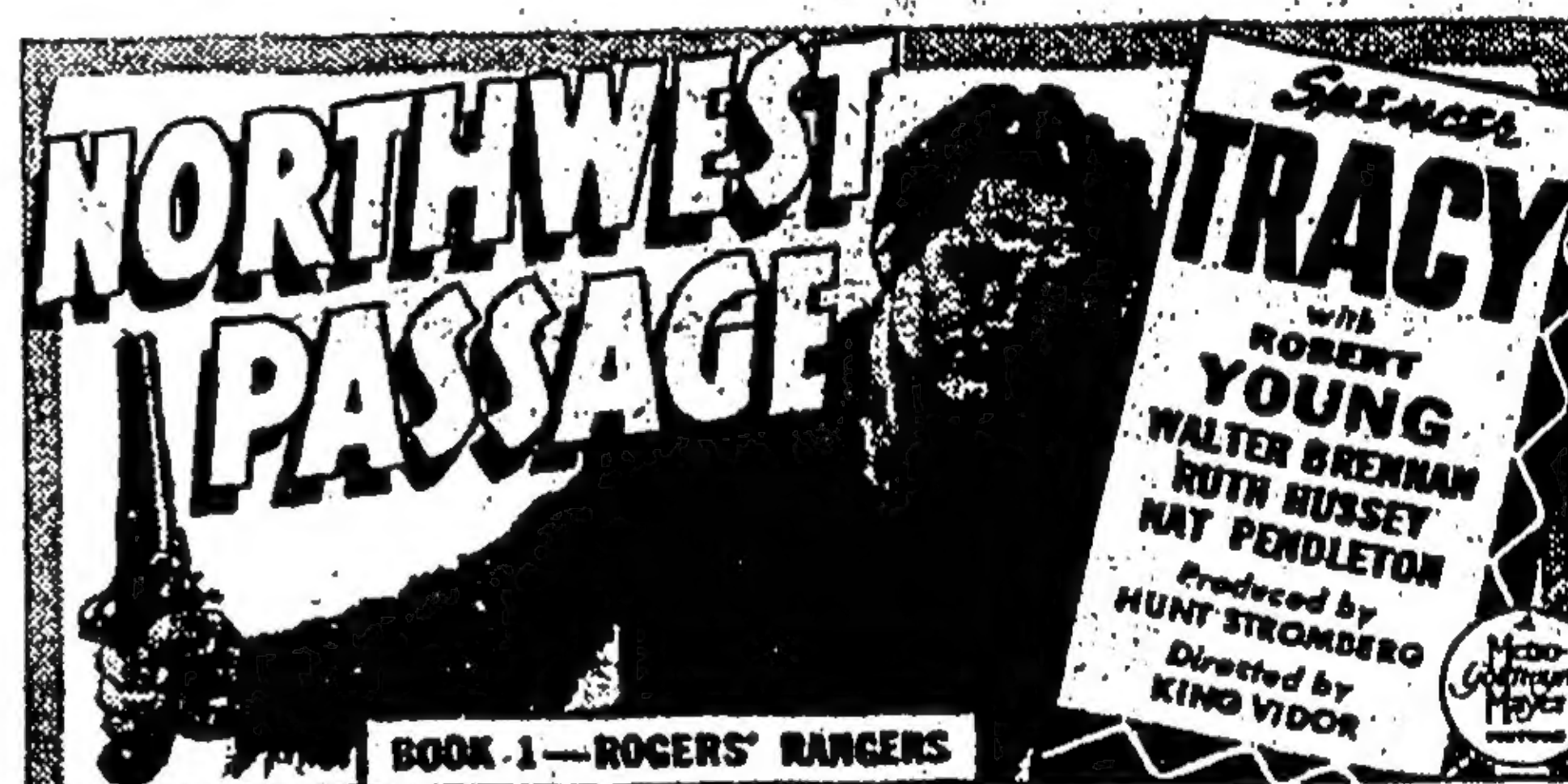
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# 19 ANGELS OF MERCY WORK ON IN LONDON

(By A Special Correspondent)

SO THAT HOMELESS people from bombed areas may sleep in comfort with blankets and mattresses, eighteen nuns and their seventy-year-old Mother Superior have slept for three weeks sitting on chairs in the basement at an East London rest centre.

Separated by a partition of rough sacking from the 100 occupants of the shelter during the night, the nuns — Sisters of Mercy — have taken it in turn to keep vigil over the sleeping women and their children, some of them babies.

Only one of this band of unselfish women has the use of a mattress. She is eighty-three and uses it only because the other nuns insist.

In peacetime the rest centre is a sanctuary for homeless "down-and-outs."

The nuns, whose convent next door has had windows shattered by bomb blast, have always cared for the homeless there.

"Angels of mercy" the people at the rest centre call them. The rough working-class men who seek sanctuary with their families respect the nuns.

Mr. J. J. Consterdine, warden at the home, told me:—"The nuns sleep in the same shelter as the homeless folk, with only the partition between them."

"Never once have I heard any of the men use bad language—even in their sleep."

## In A Dream

The other day a poor woman, distraught, came to the centre. She had seen her twin children killed by a bomb before her eyes.

But the patient spirit of the Sisters of Mercy calmed her.

Now she is safe with relatives. One night an old Jewish woman, dazed after a bomb had fallen near her in the East End, rang the bell at the main door.

For three days and nights she had wandered like one in a dream from shelter to shelter. She, too, is now with friends.

There are coloured women and their children there, too. Black or white, Roman Catholic or Protestant, no one is turned away.

"Have you been bombed out?" they are asked.

Then they go inside out of the darkness to sleep soundly in the basement.

Two casualties were brought in. The nuns dressed their injuries skilfully and put them to bed.

Mrs. Jackson, a Senegalese with ten dark-skinned children, came home from the hopfields to find her home had been wrecked by bombs.

## Safety Spurned

"But this is a second home here," she told me as she fed her piccaninny aged two. "The nuns are angels."

Mr. J. R. Walker, secretary and manager of the home, said: "We offered this place to the L.C.C. because we knew that, as it always was a refuge for the homeless, it would make an ideal rest centre."

When I left one of the nuns, seated beneath a statue of Our Lady, sat watching the sleeping children.

The Mother Superior was walking through the building on her daily tour of inspection.

"There is a beautiful home waiting for the sisters in the country where they can have peace and quietness," the secretary said.

"But they refuse to leave these people in distress."

From the chapel next door, which escaped damage, came the murmur of nuns at prayer.

## "BORROWED" PETROL

Peter George Wilson, 22, plumber, of Watford Road, Croxley Green, Herts, was remanded on bail at Hendon, charged with unlawful possession of two gallons of petrol. He was alleged to have said to the police, "I have borrowed two gallons of petrol until tomorrow, when I hope to get a supplementary ration through."

A police sergeant stated that a car driven by Wilson stopped at the rear of a military vehicle. A soldier handed a two-gallon tin to Wilson and received something from him.

## LAUGHS AT FUEHRER

A German flying-officer who baled out of his Heinkel was shown a copy of the cartoon in the "Daily Mirror" depicting Hitler in three candles in the march of time.

The airman was seen coming along a country road in South-East England, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore went towards their gate.

They saw that one of his feet was injured, and asked him into their house, rubbing his injured foot before handing him over to the police.

## "Ah, No"

When shown the cartoon, the airman, a six-footer, laughed with the Whitmores. Asked whether Hitler would win the war, the German replied, "Ah, no."

The airman was given two rounds of buttered toast and two cups of tea.

He said he didn't know exactly the district he was in, and that he had set out for Tilbury.

He said he was caught in a searchlight and could not get out.

He added that he had lived two years in Manchester. Asked if he were married, he said, "My wedding was for next week. Just my luck!"

## CITES A WOMAN OF 86!

A woman of eight-six has been cited as co-respondent in a divorce suit in Australia.

Mrs. Margaret May Dietmair, aged seventy-five, petitioning for a divorce on the ground of adultery, said she saw her seventy-four-year-old husband in bed with Mrs. Lowe, aged eight-six.

Mr. Justice Roper, of New South Wales Supreme Court, said:

"Where is the evidence of adultery? Put an ordinary man and woman in bed and I would have no hesitation at arriving at that conclusion. But there is a doubt here, with a couple aged seventy-four and eighty-six."

Mrs. Dietmair said her relations with her husband right up to the time he left her last year had been the normal relationship of husband and wife.

She was granted a decree nisi.—British United Press.

## GOERING GARDENS

For weeks a gaping bomb crater in a south-western town had interfered with car-parking arrangements outside a block of flats.

One morning the residents woke to find their crater had been beautified.

Stone ornaments from neighbouring gardens had been collected and tastefully arranged around the hole; three boxes of hydrangea blooms had been put

## WHILE THEY PRAYED

It was Sunday morning. The warm sun streamed through the copper-tinted trees in London's sleepy squares.

There were no bells to beckon the people to prayer, but men and women strolled, Prayer Book in hand, over the leafy carpets.

Inside one church, in a quiet side street near a square—which the day before had hummed with cars, taxis and the wheels of work—the black-gowned vergers softly prepared for Holy Communion.

A few men and women knelt in prayer. They gave thanks to God for their deliverance from the murderer who had shattered their world; they prayed for an early overthrow of terrorism; they prayed for the return of their serving sons and evacuated daughters.

Through the vestry walked the priest, his surplice gleaming white against his sombre cassock. He carried the chalice and plate.

## Drone Of 'Planes

The service began. Quietly they repeated the priest's prayers.

Suddenly the stillness of the church was pierced by the "Alert" signal wailing from the siren of a police station nearby.

The service went on.

Soon came the drone of German planes—the sound of hell stealing furtively through the heavens.

Reverently the worshippers said the Lord's Prayer—"deliver us from evil."

Then, violently, the scream of a falling bomb drowned their words.

A rending crash above their heads. Showers of bricks, twisted rafters, jagged lumps of concrete, splinters of stained glass rained down . . . then silence.

In the dense cloud of powdered mortar, the priest still stood; his face, surplice and cassock caked grey with dust.

As he called words of comfort to his congregation rescuers rushed into the church.

## "A Miracle"

The bomb had made a direct hit on the roof, tons of masonry and wreckage had fallen.

Yet the worshippers were all alive. Only one woman, the priest's wife, lay badly hurt—in the choir stalls near the altar on which God's symbol stood untouched.

Other members of the congregation were helped into the street, shrouded in dust but barely more than bruised.

"We can only thank God for sparing our lives," said one. "It is nothing less than a miracle that we were not all killed."

And in another church, a couple of minutes' walk away, the congregation were singing a hymn.

The sun was shining. It was Sunday morning.

## WOUND-UP

When a petition for the compulsory winding-up of a company came before Mr. Justice Bennett in the Chancery Division, counsel said that, since the matter was last before the Court, the company's premises had "disappeared," and he could not resist the order being made.

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## ASSURANCES FROM HITLER

Hitler recently added another promise to the record. This time it was the disavowal of any desire for world conquest. In direct reply to President Roosevelt's accusation, the master of the Third Reich declared that to charge Germany with such intentions is to utter "a dumb and infamous lie." Germany, he insisted, wants only a just peace and her own place in the sun.

This was plainly an assurance intended to bring aid and comfort to the advocates of "appeasement" and the opponents of greater aid to Britain. But before they put too much faith in it they will do well to remember some of the earlier assurances which have also come from Adolf Hitler, and compare the pledge with the performance. To recall a few instances:

The pledge: "After the solution of the Saar question the German Government is willing and determined to accept in its innermost soul the Pact of Locarno." (Jan. 30, 1934.)

The performance: On March 1936, Germany remilitarised the Rhineland in violation of the Locarno treaty.

The pledge: "Germany has neither the wish nor the intention to mix in internal Austrian affairs, or to annex or unite with Austria." (May 21, 1935.)

The performance: On March 12, 1938, Germany annexed Austria.

The pledge: "I repeat here that if this problem (concerning the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia) is solved, there will be no further territorial problems in Europe for Germany. \* \* \* We do not want any Czechs." (Sept. 26, 1938.)

The performance: On March 14, 1939, Hitler's troops marched into what remained of Czechoslovakia and made it German spoils.

The pledge: "We are all determined, and also convinced, that our agreement (with Poland) will bring about lasting and continuous pacification. \* \* \* We are two peoples. They shall live." (Sept. 26, 1938.)

The performance: At 5.11 on the morning of Sept. 1, 1939, Hitler ordered German troops to attack Poland.

The pledge: "Germany has concluded non-aggression pacts with the Baltic states. Her interests there are exclusively of an economic character." (Oct. 6, 1939.)

# These Are The Days For Me

By  
Edward Shanks

tained in that age even the equivalent of the material comfort that he enjoyed in his own—the consideration given to a Royal Academician, American collectors anxious to buy his etchings, membership of a good club, and all the rest of it. He would have

been, most likely, a monk or a simple craftsman. But he would have lived in a world where the craftsmanship which was all his life would have been the air that he breathed, and he would have been happier than this age was ever able to make him.

But it is not so with me. I happen to like the good things with which material civilisation provides us, and there have been few, if any, periods in the world's history when a reasonably successful author and journalist could hope to obtain as many of them as now. I make the confession because it is always as well to bring any prejudice of which one is conscious into the open, and this, it is obvious, would prejudice me pretty powerfully in favour of my own times. However, I do believe that there is a stronger and better case to be made for

considerably less destruction than the last. As for the first danger, I am obstinately of the opinion that you must first secure the material well-being of the common man (and of his family) before you can fairly expect him to give his full attention to spiritual values.

Now let me repeat and emphasise my confession that I very much relish many of the luxuries which modern science has brought within the reach of persons of no great wealth. I like avocado pears, as great an addition to our gastronomic resources as, in their time, were tomatoes. I like the refrigerator which keeps the butter cool and hard and the lettuce crisp. I like motor-cars, which enable me to see so much of my own country, and the telephone and the wireless and the gramophone.

But, were this all I had to say, I should simply be talking, especially in the year 1940, like a pinchbeck, middle-class Talleyrand. What I do mean is that on balance the world has become a better place for the common man and woman to live in than ever before. This assertion is based strictly on a comparative, even if we except from it those regions of the world where there has been a definite lowering of standards.

It is necessary to insist on this, because if I do not (and probably even though I have done), when I speak of the improved housing conditions of the people, well-

tion is an enormous leap forward in the progress of the human race, comparable only to what occurred when fire, the wheel and agriculture were invented. The business began with the Greeks, when, for example, Hero of Alexandria made a steam-engine—which was, by the way, a turbine, a way of using steam-power not used again until long after steam-power had become a commonplace.

There are still people who sneer at rapidity of movement. I cannot help liking it when it means that supplies can be taken quickly to the scene of a famine or help to the scene of earthquake, fire, or plague. I think that the first achievement at which mankind must aim is to keep all its members alive and well. It has already the machinery for doing this, and has mastered a good deal, if not all, of the method of using the machinery.

As for the obscuration of spiritual values, are they really so much obscured? You must not compare the salpts of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries with the industrial magnates of the nineteenth and twentieth. You must compare them with the land-grabbing, tax-extorting princes, of their own time. With the industrial magnates of ours you must compare the selfless, undemanding workers of science, who have spent their lives in the effort, not merely to ameliorate, but to remove the causes of, human suffering.

Consider Pasteur, Ronald Ross, the Curies. Pasteur staked his reputation, and, with it, his modest livelihood, on a theory which ran counter to the orthodox opinion of his time. Ross found the key to malaria, celebrated it in



"GARN, TAIN'T CHRISTMAS AND YOU'RE NOT SANTA CLAUS."

my own choice.

At first sight, considering our present situation, it may seem rather eccentric to express a preference for this period. But, of course, I do not specifically choose 1940—rather the whole of the century so far as it has gone. And I maintain that what has been good in these years more than counterbalances what has been dreadful in them.

As a matter of fact, a great deal of our modern horror of war springs from the fact, that so many of us have so much to lose. (And the seeds of the Nazi war-philosophy were planted and sprouted in the rank soil of Germany's unemployed millions, who were taught that they had nothing to lose.) We have more than our lives at stake; we have so many things that seem to us to make life worth living. This very horror, widespread and deep-seated in the common man and woman, is the measure of the superiority of our own age over its predecessors—at any rate in my eyes.

Let me not be misinterpreted as asserting the absurdity that we have attained to the Earthly Paradise. Apart from the countless millions who, in spite of all I have said, really have nothing to lose that is worth keeping, I am fully aware of two dangers to which our present degree of attainment exposes us. One is the obscuration of spiritual values by material progress. The other is that our advancing science may lead us into self-destruction by its application to weapons of war.

At the moment the second danger seems rather less menacing than it did a year ago. There is at least a possibility that the present war may be decided with

meaning individuals will spring forward to ask me whether I do not know what dreadful conditions still obtain in Doomington, Bruddersford, and a score or more of our industrial towns. I do know. I have seen them. I have been into the back-to-back houses and seen those streets where sixteen or so houses share a convenience ill-called sanitary. But having seen these things, I still believe that conditions are vastly better than they were when I was born, and that, barring catastrophe, they will be better yet.

What we call civilisation has now lasted, with certain recessions, for some six thousand years—at most, for two thousand years longer. It is a period ridiculously short when we compare it with the other time-scales—especially the time-scale of the animal who was already, or was in the way to become, *Homo Sapiens* perhaps half a million years ago. But how short a time this is in which to expect us to have become perfect! How short a time for us to master the powers we have discovered!

At some unimaginable distance from our own age our ancestors discovered the uses of fire and the wheel, how to grow cereals under control, and how to use metals. Nothing can ever be proved about the way in which these things were done, but what evidence there is goes to support the fair guess that all these milestones were passed within a relatively short time—whether a thousand years or a hundred, I should not care to say. Upon this basis what we call civilisation was built—Egypt, the cities of Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, the Arabians, the medieval culture of Europe, and lastly what we now call modern civilisation.

What we call modern civilisa-

a poem which is all the more impressive because it is only half-articulate, and had to sell his notes and manuscripts for the support of his declining years. The Curies worked in an ill-equipped shed where they were frozen in winter, and they lived all their lives under the shadow of poverty. Were they saints or were they not?

Unhealthy tracts of the world are being made healthy. Infertile tracts are being made fertile. We begin to know something, however little and apparently useless it may be, about the microcosm of the atom and the macrocosm of the universe. This second bound forward of humanity may bring us to a time when there will be no more famine and no more disease and man can get on with the job of being man.

For my part I count it as a great adventure to live, even only as a spectator, in such times as these. There has been nothing like it for thousands of years. Possibly nothing like it may ever occur again in the whole history of man. Admittedly there is a chance that the whole thing may go smash before it is stabilised. But, even so, it is a great adventure, which we can the better further by recognising how great it is. If I were obliged to choose some period other than my own, I should choose the future of two or three hundred years hence, so that I might see how the adventure turns out. But, choosing without compulsion, I choose this day, and this hour. I may perhaps add that what was begun in a Cotswold garden has been finished in a London house and that I can hear a German aeroplane overhead as I write. But that does not alter my opinion.



# STRAYS IN AN ENGLISH SHELTER

(By Henry Trench)

THERE WAS no warning whistle when the bombs exploded; they tore the air like calico in our direction. The noise in the small basement-shelter was not so loud as one had expected, but the fourth bomb wiped away the house next door.

There wasn't time to be afraid; only the silence afterwards was a little shocking, and the smell of hot metal. Then the wardens came and drove us out to find refuge in a strange shelter. It was our turn to be strays.

Strays have always interested us — uneasily — as their feet clattered on the area stairs and the curtain billowed. Just so, I suppose, do rabbits look up from their lettuce at the sound of an intruder in the burrow. Will it be a buck or doe? aggressive or apologetic? for in our small shelter — which was comfortable but not reassuring with a beaverboard wall — there was only room for the regular population which came there every night. After a month of aerial war we had collected like a platoon; that was why we seemed to present a rather surly front to newcomers until they had proved friendly. Far more, I think, than bunks and free earplugs does this solidarity help to make life under-ground bearable — almost pleasant. A routine grows naturally like a plant; in the first week tea was always made after a particularly close explosion; later the close explosions didn't matter much, so we had tea and biscuits at 9 (everyone paid a penny and took it in turns to supply tea and sugar); lights were shaded at 10, and snorers ceased to rouse angry feelings — toleration developed. Most wonderful of all a Pole learnt to make strong English tea.

## Even Germans

For ours was a cosmopolitan world. It was as if burrowing below ground, one evaded national boundaries. Three Germans had ended a long pilgrimage there; a mother and two children. The father had been an officer in the German army; he resigned when Hitler came into power, and they fled to Austria, and then to Amsterdam; the father had ended his journey in Australia. Vienna, Prague and Warsaw, Amsterdam, our burrow; these were familiar stations to others too. There was an Austrian, three Czechs and a Pole; the English were only a bare majority. Mattresses and deckchairs left little room for chance comers, and they usually went on to a larger burrow ten yards up the street: a raffish place — where — we heard it rumoured — the police were sometimes called in to deal with drunks and gamblers. We never expected to find ourselves there, in those bleak halls, smelling of old sandbags, strays ourselves.

That night the raid started punctually to time, and everybody was happy (perhaps it was the tranquillity Peter Rabbit felt when he knew exactly where his enemy Mr. Macgregor lurked at the moment.)

A Czech lady carried round a bag of sweets, and self-revealing conversations started up all over the shelter.

Thick with personal dramas and philosophies the atmosphere was usually a cross between Grand Hotel and The Cheery Orchard, but more Baum perhaps than Tchekov, for the plot was a violent one.

## "Bomb Will Fall"

Between the thuds of the barrage a young man explained to a girl the secret of contentment (he made it sound very easy); the Pole tried to improve his English: two women discussed babies, and a Czech told fortunes roguishly. In a teacup, "A bomb will fall," he said, and everyone laughed.

Soon, as the noise of the barrage lifted, and the enemy engines began to probe inwards, the time for the strays arrived — who had to meet the silent criticism of the platoon. Some used to resent it, and disappear during a lull towards the raffish shelter, dropping disparaging remarks, ineffective among the bombs; others ignored

it and moved on a little later carrying their personal histories with them like unopened letters: a few stayed.

Among the strays, too the Baum and Tchekov elements predominated, there was, for example, the night of burglaries in the street above — which was unmistakably Baum. Three men came briskly down the steps at two in the morning, separated, and made for unoccupied chairs, then pulled other people's blankets up to their chins. They had tight suits and ugly ears, and looked shaved for action; once a policeman gazed in, and the cautious eyes watched him from the half-dark. They came once more . . . and there was a burglary that night too.

## "Really Interesting"

One had a racking cough; he looked accustomed to cement floors and the heavy breathing of neighbours. Sometimes soldiers sat shyly out on the area steps with girls, and once — that was a Tchekov touch — an old philosopher with a white beard spent the night. He was a birdlover, and he had a little birdlime on his hat. It was a noisy night; when he left he said it had been an interesting experience — "really interesting." He thought he would go into the country all the same, and sleep on a barn floor (if one had to sleep on floors one might as well sleep in a barn); there, he said, one could have peaceful thoughts. He handed round before he left picture postcards of himself with sparrows nibbling the food from his lips, and repeated that it had all been very interesting.

I like to think it was a tribute to our shelter, and now that we are strays ourselves, among the vagrant population, moving restlessly up and down, I am glad to remember we welcomed at least one stray. Conscience pricks one for all the unwelcomed who tried — some with feigned indignation or nervous fantasies — to make a contact; irritation was better than indifference.

## Mouse Scare

There was a large woman in dusty furs who woke us at two in the morning, in the heart of the heaviest raid, to seek protection from an imaginary mouse — "there it is, there it is" — but it was only a piece of grey fluff shifting in the draught of explosions; and there was the old drunk man who was scandalised at the sight of husbands and wives sharing mattresses. "I'm a rate-payer," he kept repeating, propped against the wall. "If I hadn't seen it with me own eyes," he said, shutting them firmly, "I wouldn't have believed. Disgusting, it's disgusting." Screwing his eyes tighter, he toppled sideways.

Well, one can understand loneliness now. Sometimes one salutes at a distance another member of the old platoon, but we are individuals; the solidarity is gone, and for the first time we are all aware of insecurity.

## HAD BEER—NOW THEY'VE GOT TIGHT

When Police Constable Tight was sworn in as a member of the Glamorganshire Police Force at Wiltshire the county set up a record for the cheeriest police quartet in Britain. In the Wiltshire force there are now constables named Merry, Bright, Beer, and Tight.

# NAZIS KILL MAN FROM GESTAPO

When a German bomber was shot down in the sea three Nazi airmen were seen to take to their rubber boat.

While a British rescue party were going to their aid, they suddenly saw two of the Nazis leaning over the boat pushing something under the water and hitting it.

When the party arrived they saw only two Nazis. They asked where the other one was.

"Oh," replied one of the Nazis, who could speak some English, "we drowned him. He was a Gestapo. He has been with us on every flight for over three weeks with his revolvers sticking in our backs. We decided to kill him, and we have done so."

This story is told in his parish magazine by the Rev. E. L. Macassey, Vicar of Mapledurham, Oxon, who says that his facts have been passed by the Censor.

## "Notable" Capture

The vicar also stated that a notable Nazi airman, son of one of Hitler's most eminent advisers, was captured in Britain recently.

"He is thirty-two," the vicar adds, "and he is a son of one of Hitler's eminent advisers in the gentle art of murder from the air. He was his father's right hand man in designing Nazi aircraft."

This murderer in our hands may yet be worth quite a number in the bomber.

"This young man evidently realises that Hitler cannot win, for on being captured, he ripped off his special Nazi decoration and said, 'I shall not want this ever again.'"

(At the Air Ministry and the War Office it was stated they had no knowledge of the capture of any Nazi airman fitting the description given in the magazine.)

# ASHAMED OF SIREN BUSMEN

Birmingham bus conductresses are ashamed of Manchester and Liverpool bus workers, who have decided not to run after 7.30 p.m. during air raids, unless the individual bus crew decide to continue. "Our men drivers and conductresses carry on all through the air raids," the staff manager of the Midland Red Bus Services, largest in the Midlands, told a reporter.

"The first bus leaves the garage at 4 a.m. and the last returns at midnight. We have 400 conductresses and without them the big works in the Midlands could never carry on."

"Bombs and shrapnel won't stop our girls. During a raid the bus is in total darkness and the conductress has only her lamp to work with, but none of them has ever complained."

## Great Strain, But —

Birmingham Corporation has 1,000 conductresses working on its trains and trolleybuses. Two-thirds of the conducting staff are women.

"Our men and girls never stop the service during air raids," the assistant traffic superintendent said.

"The black-out is a great strain on the drivers and conductresses."

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# BIG SHELTER IS HIT 1914-18 BUT FEW ARE HURT V.C. REJOINS

MANY PEOPLE escaped unhurt when a bomb made a direct hit on a public shelter during the night in the raids on London.

The shelter was divided into eight bays. Some people were killed and others injured in one bay, but in the other bays people suffered nothing worse than shock, and were able to spend the rest of the night in the shelter.

An Air Ministry communique says that the raids were on a larger scale than on recent nights. They were at their height during the early hours of darkness when three main attacks were in progress—against London, against the Midlands, and against towns in the north-west.

Many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in London and its suburbs. Damage was done to a large number of houses and other buildings.

## Double Escape

Elsewhere bombs fell at a number of widely separated points in England and Wales, doing little damage.

A second public shelter in London was hit. It was demolished, but there were no serious casualties.

In the other bombed shelter one man had a remarkable escape. He had left to get a cup of tea in a cafe. The cafe was wrecked by a bomb, but he dragged himself out of the debris.

He was being given treatment for minor injuries and shock when a bomb hit the shelter. The part in which he was being treated was not affected.

A social centre used for resting and feeding the homeless families was damaged.

## Hospitals Bombed

Three London hospitals were bombed. A doctor, five nurses and a porter were injured at one. There were 131 patients. All escaped with little more than a few scratches but they have now been evacuated.

A heavy bomb in a road on the outskirts of London wrecked six houses. All the occupants, several of whom were under kitchen tables, escaped unhurt.

A direct hit on an Anderson shelter in a London area killed a family of seven.

Seven people escaped when a heavy bomb demolished a three-storey house and damaged a number of others in a narrow little street recently visited by the King and Queen near a market place.

The people were in a basement shelter next to the demolished house.

## "Gasworks Hit"

Berlin's version of the raids, quoted by Reuter, says—"In last night's attack on London, German planes scored hits on two large gasworks at Greenwich and Fulham. Several fires could be observed in Greenwich. A large explosion devastated the gasworks."

"The Fulham gasworks was destroyed by bombs of the heaviest calibre. There was a vast explosion with flames several hundred metres in height."

"The lines at Waterloo Station were destroyed."

# MAN, 64, PLAINTIFF IN BREACH CASE

A NOVEL BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION BROUGHT BY A MAN OF 64 HAS BEEN SET DOWN FOR HEARING BEFORE A SPECIAL JURY IN THE KING'S BENCH DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT DURING THE CURRENT SITTINGS.

The plaintiff, Mr. Frederick William Mitchell, Russell Hill Road, Purley, Surrey, is claiming damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage against Mrs. Winifred Mary Richards, of Lako Road East, Cardiff. He is also suing for the return of money which he alleges he paid to Mrs. Richards in various amounts conditional on her promise to marry him.

The allegations are denied in the defence.

The action is the first breach of promise case for many years in which a man has been the plaintiff.

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## FUGITIVE SWAM TWO RIVERS

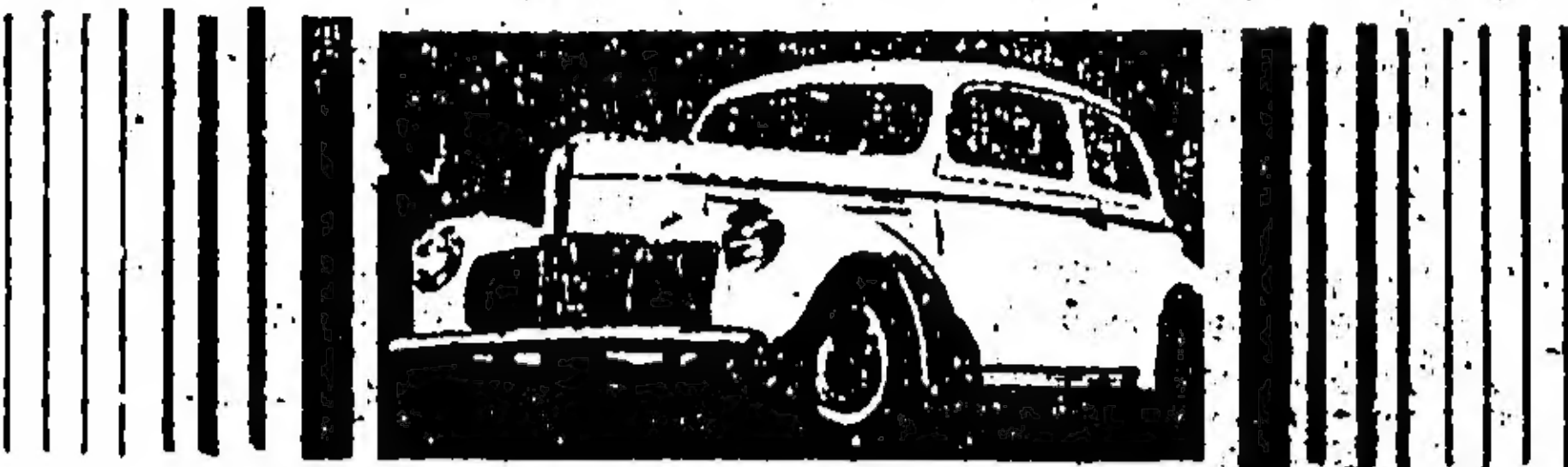
Before an escaped German pilot was recaptured he swam two rivers and wandered for six days over rugged moorland and swamp.

Franz von Werra, twenty-six, lieutenant in the German Air Force, offered no resistance to the police at Esk Fell, a lonely spot on the moorland near Ulpha, on the Cumberland border.

Exhausted through lack of food, he was taken to the prison from which he had escaped.

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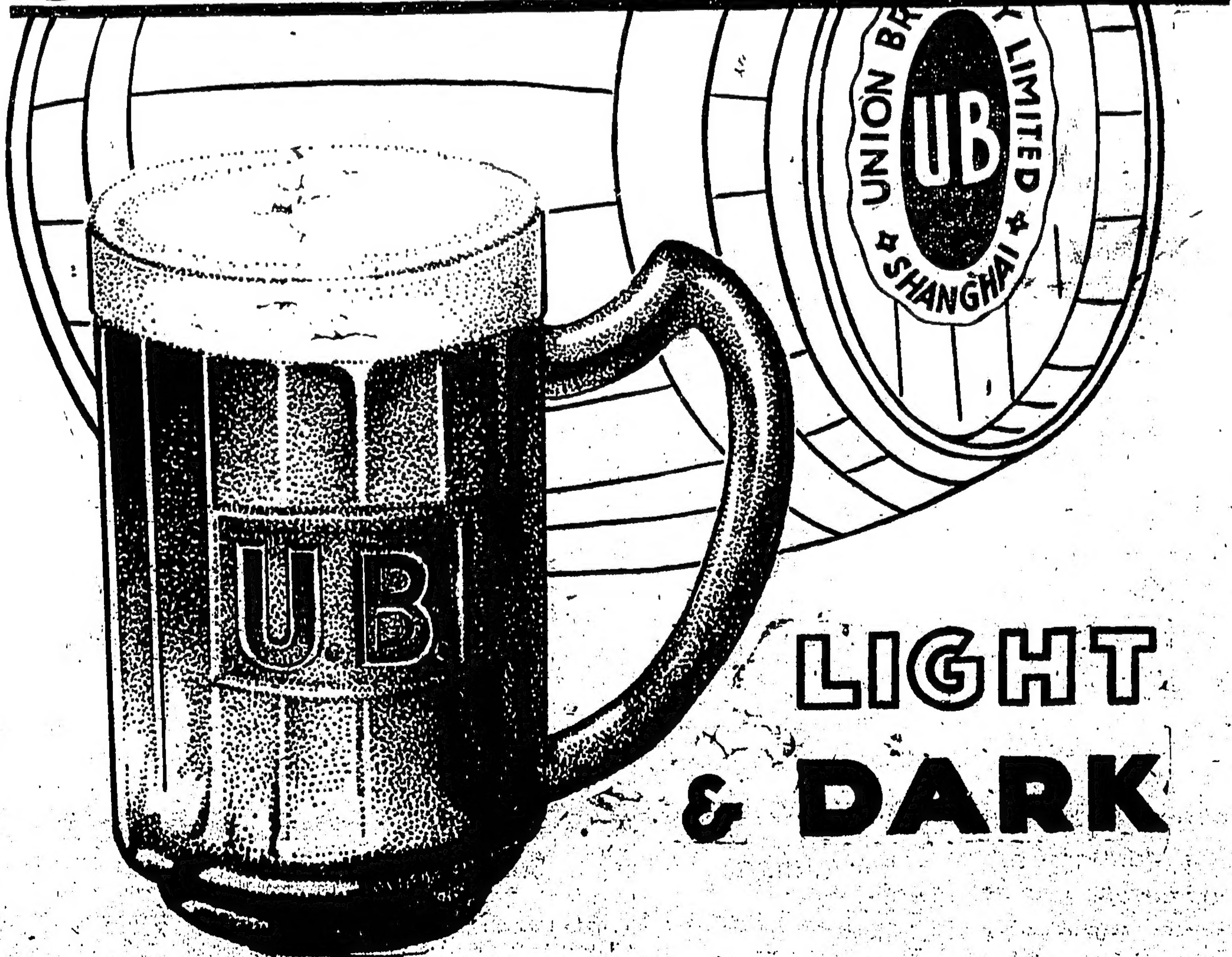
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In accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 27th and 28th January, 1941. (China New Year Holidays). Hong Kong, 22nd January, 1941.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Alien Enemies (Winding Up) Ordinance 1914 and In the Matter of: RICKMERS LINE

Notice is hereby given that it is intended to pay a first and final dividend in the above liquidation, and creditors, who have not already done so, are requested to lodge detailed statements of their claims with the undersigned not later than 15th February, 1941, failing which they will be excluded from the distribution.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Accountants, Liquidators.

Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be HELD at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1941, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 1st February to TUESDAY, 11th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 21st January, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 27

By The Four Aces

To-day brings our regular Bridge Detective problem:

North, Dealer Neither side vulnerable

North: ♠ A Q 5 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ K Q J 10 6 ♣ A 6 South: ♠ K 7 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ K Q 10

The bidding: North East South West 1♦ Dbl. 1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ 3♠ Pass Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, holding the trick. He continued the suit, and South ruffed. Declarer then led a low trump to dummy's Ace and returned a diamond. East took the Ace of diamonds and returned the King of clubs, whereupon dummy took the club Ace and ran the diamonds. East could ruff the fourth diamond if he liked, but South was able to discard his losing club at the same time. South therefore lost only a spade, a heart, and a diamond—fulfilling his contract.

Perhaps you didn't notice it, but a dastardly deed has been done. Look for the crime and the criminal before you read the next paragraph.

West was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the second trick! West should have realised that shift to clubs was vital. The solidity of dummy's diamonds made it imperative to set up tricks in the side suits so that they could be taken "on the run." There was no need to worry about further heart tricks since if South had another heart, East could cash the heart Ace whenever he chose. But there was need to worry about the clubs since no club trick could be won by the defence until after dummy's Ace had been knocked out. A shift to clubs by West at the second trick would have made it possible for the defence to defeat the contract by taking a trick in each suit.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 5 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A J 2

The bidding: Maier Jacoby You Schenker 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♠ (7)

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Your partner's rebid indicates a hand with not a great deal more than opening-bid strength; so you cannot safely bid game. Three spades should be fairly safe if your partner has only a minimum opening bid, and you thereby give him a chance to bid game if he has slight excess values. Score 100% for three spades, 80% for four spades, 40% for pass.

Question No. 621

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 8 7 5 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ K 4 ♣ A 10 3

The bidding: Burnstone Jacoby You Schenker 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♠ (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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WORK THE BEST ANTIDOTE TO BOMB SHOCK

(By A Special Correspondent)

I HAVE HAD the opportunity during the past week or two of discussing with service and civil doctors all over the south and east military area — for months now the front line in the present war — the incidence of shell-shock, or war neurosis, as it is now termed, among the troops and the civilian population.

So far these cases, so numerous in the last war, have been extremely rare. In one of the principal casualty hospitals I was told by the doctor in charge that since the beginning of the war only two had come to his notice.

This is in spite of the fact that the hospital was filled to overflowing with soldier casualties at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, and that it has dealt with or obtained information of every single casualty which has occurred in air-raids and shelling in this very wide area since the beginning of the war.

Comparison With 1914

Many medical men, while refusing to commit themselves to positive conclusions at this stage, are inclined to explain the scarcity of these cases as follows:

In France and Flanders during the last war troops who were subjected to prolonged bombardment as they stood or sat in the trenches had almost nothing to occupy either their muscles or their minds. During the present war the armed forces and the civilians on the south-east front are all hard at work.

In other words, the best antidote to war neurosis is work. A person who is wholly occupied in mind and body is far less likely to be subject to the nervous reactions which produce "shell-shock" than the person who is idle during an air raid or a bombardment.

The company of others, in the opinion of the "front line" medical men, is another important factor in resisting war neurosis. One of them told me he had analysed his own feelings when alone under aerial bombardment or shelling. "When shells or bombs are falling," he told me, "I find I am never anxious if I am in the company of others. It is when I happen to be reading or writing alone in a room and a 'Blitz' begins that I feel symptoms of

'wind up,' and I have no doubt that people in general react in the same way."

Another factor in accounting for the low incidence of "shell shock" among the civilian population may be seen in the fact that recent wars in China, Abyssinia, Spain and Poland have prepared them for the shock of modern war.

BEAT DEATH BY 20 MINUTES

A young soldier beat death by twenty minutes and escaped injury when he volunteered to climb into a wrecked building in a south-west town and unscrew the detonator of a delayed-action bomb.

As he took the detonator away from the bomb it fired in his hand. Another twenty minutes and the bomb would have exploded.

The bomb dropped near a famous church, partly demolishing a warehouse.

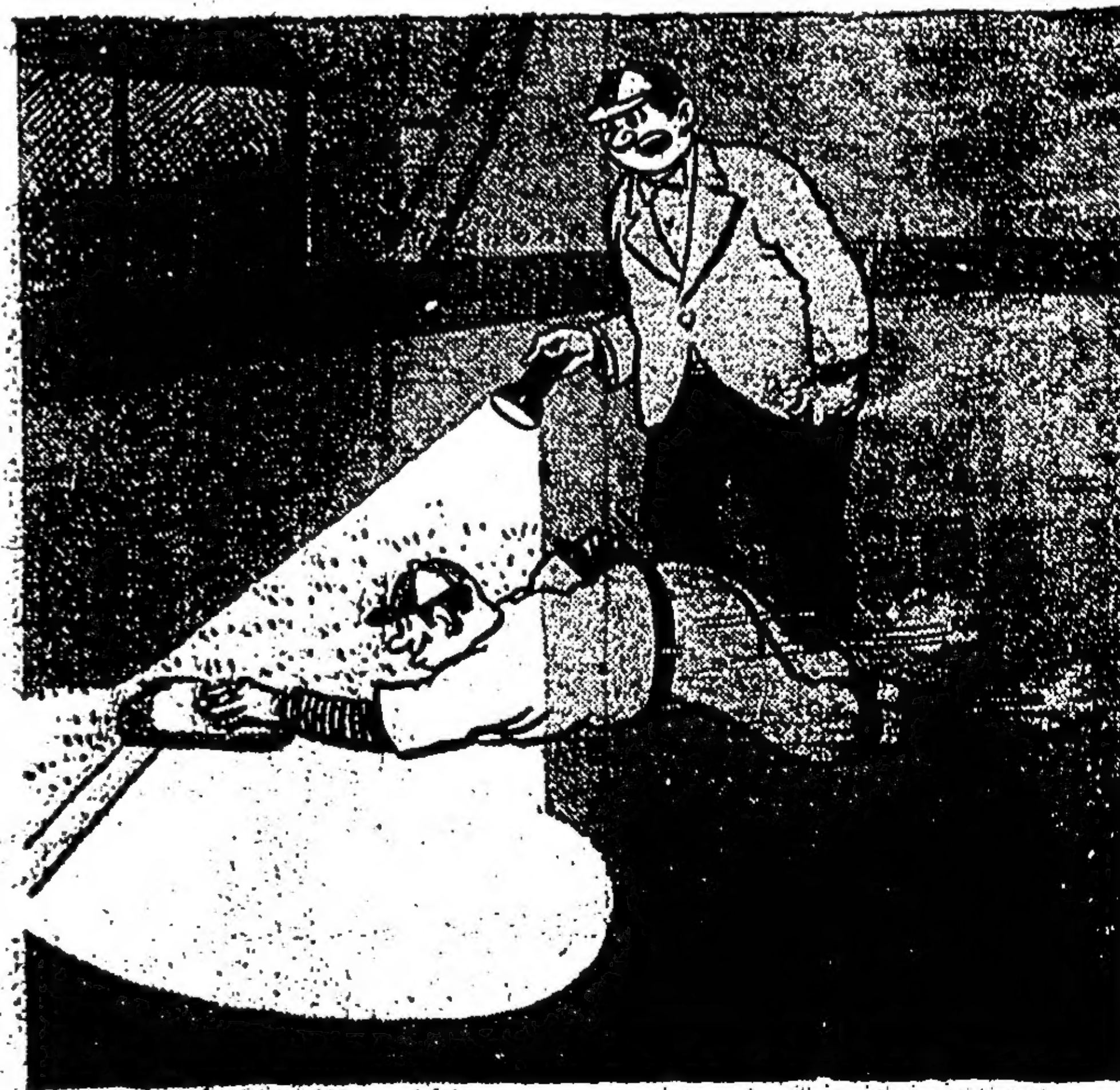
People were evacuated from the district, but later were allowed to return, as it was thought the bomb was a dud.

Experts who examined it, however, decided that it was one of the biggest bombs so far dropped in the area, and of a delayed-action type.

The people were hurriedly evacuated again until the bomb had been made harmless, saving the church and almshouses.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"None of them knew stealing till we put in a new fuse, Greenberg!"

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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Dry Skin In Cold Weather

We are told that the condition commonly known as "dry skin" is caused by the failure of tiny moisture and oil glands which are in the second layer of skin to function normally. This in turn is caused by one's failure to supply the bloodstream with food necessary to create the protoplasm required to renew the skin.

But, fortunately for us, the skin has a power of renewal if it is given sufficient nourishment and the proper external treatment to stimulate, cleanse and soften it. Its normal elasticity and texture may be restored if you resolved to give it the care it requires.

The most important step in a dry skin treatment is the stimulation. You must wake up those lazy, inactive pores through exercise of the body and with external massage. With a quickened flow of blood to your face your skin will take on new beauty.

### What To Do

To keep face skin nicely lubricated we begin with the scalp. Your hair must be brushed daily and if your scalp is dry too, which is usually the case if your face skin is dry, you must keep it lubricated by using a pomade or tonic several times a week. If you want to prove to yourself the truth of this, feel your skin when your scalp is thoroughly anointed with olive oil before a shampoo. Your skin feels like velvet even though you didn't put a speck of oil on your face! Why! Well, oil travels rapidly down the minute crevices of the skin surface. So you see if you could keep your scalp naturally lubricated your face skin would not be so dry because any excess oil would flow down the face.

When you cleanse your face do not handle it too gently. Give it a good brisk massage. Remove the first cream application with tissue and then put on a richer cream. Massage that well into the skin and slap your face briskly every once in a while. This second application of cream may be removed with cotton moistened in a skin tonic or stimulant, or



Wally Westmore, make-up artist of Paramount Studio, teaches Mary Martin the correct application of a protective powder base.

It may be removed with warm water (not hot) and a bland soap. Either the tonic or rinsing water should be very chilled to give the pores a bit more of a work-out.

### Protective Cream

Until dry skin becomes naturally lubricated and softened, one should use a protective oil or cream after a thorough cleansing as described above and before going outdoors in cold weather.

Finding the most satisfactory protective formula is not easy. There are lovely refined oils, fluffy creams, richer heavier creams and lotions from which to select. Some women, though, resort to a heated drop of olive, mineral or almond oil as a protective base, simply because they cannot find the perfect commercial formula. But unless your

skin is too dry and too sensitive the chances are that one of the make-up base mixtures will suit your skin to a T.

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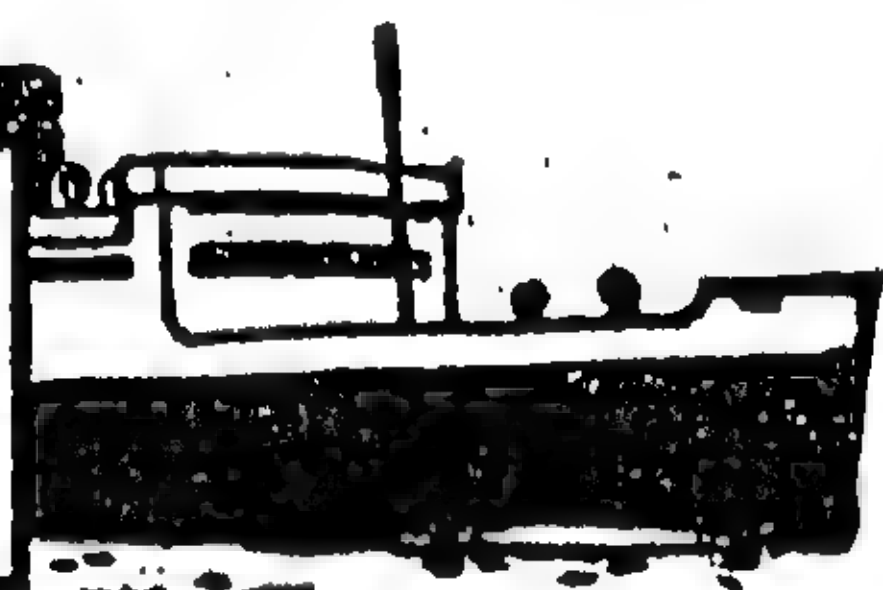
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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th January.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on 28th January from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taipo and Un Long. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

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12.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Overture "Romeo and Juliet".

12.52 p.m.—Two Songs by Oscar Natzke (Bass).

1.03 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

1.55 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Up and Over" No. 3.

8.03 p.m.—Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Variety.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 43. Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) with Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

9.53 p.m.—A Programme of Spanish Music.

10.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.

10.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

THE CHINA MAIL, JANUARY 23, 1941

## ONE MAN HELD UP WAVE OF FIRE, SAVED COMRADES

MORE THAN 100 Bristol auxiliary firemen have played the principal part in fighting one of the biggest fires this country has ever known.

Many of the men had never seen a real fire, yet they tackled the blaze as though it were a parade ground drill.

That so many of them have escaped with their lives is due partly to the heroism of one man, who alone kept back a raging fire which threatened to devour his colleagues.

Sergeant W. V. Philpott, of Bristol, who was in charge of the whole fire-fighting force, told a reporter: "We were just beginning to control the fire when suddenly the water failed us."

"There was just enough water remaining for one branch hose and the man who was handling it stood alone as his mates ran for their lives."

"Somehow, with his one hose, he kept back the fire which was bearing down on him until we could bring up more water."

"If it had not been for him, the other men might not have got away."

Altogether five firemen were killed, two seriously injured and thirty slightly injured, while several men suffered shock and burns.

"The heat was terrific and the smoke was so thick that it overcast everything with a cloud, turning it into night," said Sergeant Philpott.

Nothing could conquer the spirit of the men, who sang and joked as they worked.

Sir Geoffrey Peto, Regional Commissioner for the South-West, told the men when they returned to Bristol: "I think Hitler ought to know the extraordinary spirit you have shown."

## COULDN'T FLY—SAVED 'PLANE

Although his flying experience was practically nil, a twenty-two-year-old navigator took the place of his dead pilot and flew a bomber 250 miles back to the base.

He said he found it easy until the time came to land, when, in his own words, "he began to sweat." But that didn't prevent him from making a really perfect landing.

He is Ian Blair, of St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, who has been awarded the D.F.M., it is revealed in Cairo.

The bomber in which Blair was navigator, was attacked by two Italian fighters. A bullet went through the glass panel, killing the pilot and going out on the other side.

Blair saw the pilot's head go forward and the bomber started to dive.

Blair rushed to the control column and, helped by the air gunner, removed the pilot's harness

## NURSE LOWERED TO MERCY TASK

Amid falling bombs and shrapnel, a hospital nurse—clad only in a coat and pyjamas—was twice lowered head first by police into a gap in wreckage to give morphia injections to women patients. The women were trapped when a high explosive bomb demolished part of a hospital in Kent.

Doctors, nurses, police and A.R.P. squads rushed to the scene after the bomb had dropped to find that part of the building had collapsed.

Sister Gantry was lowered into the wreckage, where she crawled in and out with a bowl containing hypodermic syringes, giving the trapped women injections to ease their pain.

She continued her work of mercy until daylight, and though later advised to take some sleep, she returned to her normal duty in the maternity ward.

Several patients were killed in the raid. A number of patients were also seriously injured, and they were removed to other hospitals.

"It was nothing—just my job," Sister Gantry said.

"Everyone else did as much. What else could they do?"

There were tears in her eyes.

"I must go and see one of my nurses," she said. "They tell me she has just died."

The dead nurse was Miss Molly Moore. She was a patient herself at the time the ward was bombed.

Trapped beneath her bed and fallen masonry for seven hours, she comforted her fellow sufferers all the time.

"She died serving her profession," said Sister Gantry.

The other nurse to be killed was Miss Violet Sinclair. She was tending patients when the bomb dropped.

and safety belt and lifted him from his seat.

Then the air gunner went back to watch for Italian fighters and Blair set out for his base.

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## SPEEDING UP SHIP REPAIRS

A scheme to transfer labour voluntarily in ship repairing and shipbuilding industries in the event of an emergency arising out of enemy action is being brought into being on Merseyside.

If ship repairing work requires to be reduced or discontinued in any district, volunteers may be transferred to other districts.

Local committees have been set up on Merseyside to operate the scheme, under which transfers will be from district to district lying beyond daily travelling distance of each other.

Men will normally be required to stay in district as long as needed, and will receive the rates of pay of the district to which they are transferred.

Free fares will be provided and transferred men will be entitled to payments of "travelling time."

Transferred married men or single men with similar responsibilities who maintain a home in their "home district" will be paid an allowance of 3s. 6d. for each night (including Sunday).

## FLYING-BOAT PICKS UP 21 SURVIVORS

A SUNDERLAND flying-boat with a crew from a Royal Australian Air Force squadron, was on patrol in the Atlantic recently when a glimmer of light was sighted about 10 miles away.

"I flew around waiting for daylight, hoping it would be possible to make a landing. We flew over to investigate and found a lifeboat," said the aircraft pilot, quoted by the Air Ministry News Service.

"Its occupants had heard the sound of our engines and flashed a lamp to attract our attention. After an hour there was enough light and we came down on the water without difficulty. We took 21 men on board and took off again very easily, despite the extra load."

### Those Left Behind

As the Sunderland flew back to its base the men enjoyed breakfast on board. They were survivors of a torpedoed ship.

The boat was found nearly 200 miles from land and the men had been in her for three and a half days.

They had little food or water in that time and thought the breakfast served to them by the Aus-

tralians was the best meal they had ever had.

Cigarettes which the 11 members of the flying-boat crew handed round afterwards completed their contentment.

The survivors were landed at a West Coast port. Twenty-five of the crew are missing.

The youngest seaman in the ship's crew said: "It was almost worth being torpedoed to get that air trip. It was fine and gave me a thrill."

"The crew of that Sunderland were a grand bunch."

## GOOD MEN-- NO JOB

A suggestion that men of ability cannot obtain wartime posts through the National Register unless they have valuable connections or friendships is made by an M.P. to the Minister of Labour and National Service (Mr. Ernest Bevin).

The suggestion is contained in an appeal by Major E. G. R. Lloyd, M. P. for East Denbshire, on behalf of the "new class of unemployed."

Major Lloyd urges the Minister "to search out suitable channels of work for unemployed business executives, middlemen, and a large number of women agents, travellers, clerical staffs, in the luxury trades."

He suggests that the National Register does not serve the purpose of absorbing business executives into war effort.

### Heard Nothing More

"In point of fact," Major Lloyd says, "I have had a large number of instances brought to my notice by men of unquestioned ability and experience, with the highest testimonials who have been placed on the National Register, but have heard nothing more and see no prospect of obtaining employment."

"It has even been suggested that unless there is some personal connection or friendship, which can be used advantageously, an outsider finds it extremely difficult to obtain employment through the National Register."

"At the same time, one hears unfavourable comments upon the apparent qualifications of some of the personnel selected for various minor official and administrative posts."

The problem may not at the moment be clamouring for immediate solution, because many of the people to whom I refer may still be living on their savings, but it will I predict shortly become of paramount importance."

## U.S. TO BUILD 200 NEW SHIPS

An emergency appropriation of U.S.\$313,000,000 for the building of two hundred new cargo ships in order to meet the threat of a world shipping shortage was recommended to-day by the House Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This followed the statement by Rear-Admiral Land, Chairman of the Committee, to the effect that the sinking of merchantmen by German submarines and planes was the principal reason for the new programme.

The money will be handled by the Maritime Commission which has already begun the preliminary work on the programme.

The new cargo ships will be simplified with a uniform design.

Rear-Admiral Land estimated that the first ships will be ready eleven months after the contract has been placed and the total programme will be finished in two years' time. —Reuter.

## GERMANS FAIL IN NORWAY

German efforts to recruit an army of workers in Norway — 20,000 is the figure mentioned — have failed, according to information reaching London yesterday.

An official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare stated that the Germans had planned to transfer workers via Sweden.

Appeals made by the Quisling authorities had met with singularly little success and Norwegian trade union organisations had refused to cooperate in the enterprise.

The first 5,000 volunteers had been scheduled to leave for Germany in the middle of January but did not do so because of determined opposition by the workers. Oslo should have supplied 1,000 men but the Norwegian capital failed to provide even 200.

This failure to attract Norwegians to German employment has been brought about in the face of severe unemployment in Norway. — Reuter.

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# Rule Regarding Matches Interfered With By Rain

## Unfinished Matches Must Be Replayed

### Bowlers Handicapped By Saturday's Persistent Drizzle

By "Adrem"

MOST OF SATURDAY'S cricket programme was washed out, only two matches being played, and although University were rather unkind to Recreio first eleven—the draw that resulted from their match at Pokfulum may well cost the latter team the League—one of the chief topics of discussion among cricketers during the week has been on the possible risk taken by Recreio in continuing the match when it appeared very unlikely that it could be finished.

General opinion, so far as I have been able to ascertain, has it that in one innings had been completed and the match then abandoned, the result would have been a draw.

#### The Rule

Reference to a copy of the Rules of the Hong Kong Cricket League which I have in my possession, however, reveals that this is not the case.

The Rule states:—"In case a match is not finished on account of rain, it shall be replayed."

This had me a bit puzzled to start with as I misinterpreted the word "finish," and came to the conclusion, taking the case of Saturday's match as an illustration, that if there had been periods during which play had been suspended, Recreio might have been in a position to have claimed a replay on the grounds that these interruptions prevented a "finish."

But, of course, the game did finish, in that play was in progress at the time fixed by the League for the drawing of stumps.

Covered by the rule teams in the running for championships need have no misgivings about attempting to finish a match if the weather is threatening, although they would be unfortunate if they had run up a big total, the other side were, say, 100 runs behind with nine wickets down at 5 p.m., and rain washed out further play.

#### Gosano Criticised

Reverting to the match between University and Recreio, I have heard Eddie Gosano criticised for allowing the match to continue under the conditions prevailing. Apparently he was given the option of carrying on or stopping but chose the former course and play did carry on without a single break, until the bitter end.

Runs came easily for Recreio, especially easily for Eddie Gosano himself, and, well ahead of the clock and with a powerful bowling side, he must have felt certain that in the time the Recreio rate of scoring would have allowed for the dismissal of their opponents, the task would have been an easy one.

After initial success, when Matthews and Ride were dismissed cheaply, he soon found his mistake. If the University bowlers were unable to keep control of the slippery ball neither were Recreio's and on the dead true matting wicket University found little difficulty in playing out time—most of the University batsmen can present a straight bat when necessary.

#### Miserable Affair

The junior match at King's Park was a miserable affair and after three University wickets had fallen quickly it was only a question of whether University would be able to repeat their performance of the previous week against K.C.C. and force a draw. Alves and Silva bowled too well for them and they failed by 15 minutes.

#### K.C.C. Selections

Following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday:—

1st XI (v University, home):—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, F. R. Zimmermann, A. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay.

2nd XI (v Recreio, away):—

### K.C.C. BEAT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's will not now be promoted from "B" Division to "A" Division of the Badminton League.

Last night, with Eardley, they went down to K.C.C. by the odd game, despite a great effort by Smith and Wilson who won all three games.

In other matches St. Andrew's beat Police and V.R.C. beat Jewish Recreation Club.

Following were the scores:—St. John's lost to Kowloon Cricket Club by 5 games to 4.

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's).

lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 11—21

beat J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones 21—18

lost to A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann 15—21

N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's).

beat Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 21—13

beat Anderson and Jones 21—19

beat Guest and Zimmermann 21—18

R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's).

lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 12—21

lost to Anderson and Jones 6—21

lost to Guest and Zimmermann 9—21

#### J.R.C. v. V.R.C.

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Victoria Recreation Club by 5 games to 4.

J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.).

lost to D. N. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 21—23

beat A. A. Remedios and F. Castro 21—10

beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21—12

A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.).

lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 10—21

lost to Remedios and Castro 21—23

lost to Basto and Soares 7—21

S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.).

lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 8—21

beat Remedios and Cas-

S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, F. Goodwin, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor and L. R. Burch, 12th man Major W. W. Parsons.

#### Holiday Matches

The following have been selected to represent the first team against Hong Kong Cricket Club on Monday and Tuesday, starting at 11 o'clock each day:—

E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, F. R. Zimmermann, A. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, N. A. E. Mackay, 12th man E. Zimmermann.

#### Junior Team

Second eleven will entertain Royal Engineers at Kowloon on Monday. Following is the team:—

S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, W. W. Parsons, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenton, B. D. Lay and 12th man, R. Leigh.

#### "B" DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	4	0	4	23	13	8
King's	3	0	3	21	6	6
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recreio	3	1	2	17	10	4
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18	4
V.R.C.	3	2	1	8	19	2
St. Andrew's	4	3	1	17	19	2
Police	4	4	0	7	26	0
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0

tro 21—7  
beat Basto and Soares 21—11

#### St. Andrew's v. Police

Playing at home, St. Andrew's beat Police by 3 games to 1.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's).

beat W. Gillies and L. Gordon 21—18

beat H. Dingsdale and J. Ferrier 21—5

beat C. Y. Siu and J. Shepherd 21—2

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's).

beat G. Ties and Gordon 21—9

beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21—8

beat Siu and Shepherd 21—5

M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's).

lost to Gillies and Gordon 15—21

beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21—8

beat Siu and Shepherd 21—5

#### Match Postponed

The match between King's College and Club de Recreio was postponed, owing to fact T. Lam and T. H. Lo of King's were injured during a recent game.

### SWIMMING EXHIBITION

Members of the Rikkyo University swimming team, who recently competed with great success in the Philippines championships, will give an exhibition in the European Y.M.C.A. pool to-day at 2 p.m. A charge of \$1 will be made, 50 per cent. of which will be donated to charity.

## FRENCH RACE HORSES IN ENGLAND

WHAT IS TO BE DONE about those French racehorses in this country whose owners can't be found? The solution is not in sight.

In some cases trainers have been unable to find any authority to which they can look for paying the training and feeding bills, writes a Home correspondent.

As a racehorse these days costs four good English pounds in food and attendance per week unless put out to grass, the matter looks serious enough.

One trainer, at least, has made official inquiries and has been told he can do nothing except possess his soul in patience.

It is not every French owner, of course, who has been placed in the dilemma of being kept virtually a prisoner in France and unable to get in touch with his English trainer.

#### Leon Volterra Here

I have seen the French theatre magnate, M. Leon Volterra, on English tracks, and I have little doubt Frank Butters will be turning out some good winners for a patron who has supplied many high-class horses in this country. I see, too, that Steve Donoghue has entered some of M. Boussac's horses in races.

## NAVY UNBEATEN RUGBY CHAMPIONS: BEAT POLICE 9-4

By "Scrum-Half"

NAVY CONCLUDED THEIR QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT FIXTURES YESTERDAY WITH AN UNBEATEN RECORD, DEFEATING POLICE AT CAUSEWAY BAY BY THREE TRIES (9 PTS.) TO A DROPPED GOAL (4 PTS.) AFTER LEADING 6-4 AT THE INTERVAL.

Police lost the first encounter, at Boundary Street, by 20 pts. to nil, but yesterday, strengthened by the inclusion of Wilson, first as full-back and then at centre-three-quarter, and Innes, though still without Wall, Lusecombe, Searls and Dempsey, they were a new team and gave Navy a really hard game.

Navy were unfortunate to lose Paul just before the interval, as the result of an injured leg—it does not appear to be serious, however, and he is likely to play on Saturday for England—but Police received an even greater setback at the commencement of the second half, when Morrison injured his shoulder and also had to leave the field. Wright-Nooth went to scrum-half, but his absence from the pack proved too much for Police, robbing them of much of their sting.

#### 31 OUT OF 69!

Of Navy's total of 69 points in the Tournament Paul himself scored 31!

It was a forward's game under the heavy conditions and the Navy pack gave of their best. Watson, Stockham, Eager and King being only a shade better than the other three—Manfield took Paul's place in the three-quarter line. Honeywill was well watched, as was Rutherford, especially by Wright-Nooth, and McGill gave his best display this season, scoring an excellent try.

#### TOURNAMENT TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	6	5	1	69	15	11
Club	6	3	2	87	48	8
Army	5	1	1	38	43	3
Police	5	0	0	21	109	0

#### Wright-Nooth Best

Wilson had little to do at full-back, but he made his presence felt in the three-quarter line—he changed places with Dingsdale—timely tackles holding up many Navy attacks. Jackson played well at fly-half, handling extremely soundly, and if only he would tackle low he would be a very useful player. At forward Wright-Nooth was again in a class of his own—he is probably the finest man playing Rugby to-day—while Innes, Hogarth and Oakley often caught the eye.

A penalty kick from almost on the touch line led to the opening score, Taylor's instep effort being knocked on badly by Winter, and from the five-yard scrum Innes got the ball back to Wright-Nooth, who calmly dropped a goal from almost in front of the posts. Wright-Nooth saved the Police line a moment later when he grassed Paul, who had made a good corkscrew run and had then attempted to cut inwards to catch the Police defence off their balance. He had only five yards to go when he was brought down.

#### Paul Injured

Navy, however, scored soon after, Bowden ducking under Reynolds' high tackle and passing to Paul when partially tackled by Wilson for that player to go over in the corner for a try which he just failed to convert. Paul then had a chance of giving Navy the lead when Jackson was penalised for offside play in his own 25, but his kick went wide. In the next minute Paul injured his leg, following a collision with Wright-Nooth, and had to leave the field. Manfield came out of the pack and Navy continued to press until Rutherford came round the blind side of the scrum and hurled himself over the line half way between the posts and touch. Wilson narrowly missed landing a goal and half time arrived with Navy leading 6-4.

#### Morrison Hurt

Police lost Morrison in the opening minutes of the second half and brought Wright-Nooth out of the pack to fill the vacancy. Little of note occurred until towards the close—loose scrums and line-outs being the order of the day—when McGill secured and handed off two opponents, Taylor and Dingsdale, before touching down in the corner after a spectacular 25-yard run. King failed to convert and this ended the scoring, although McGill narrowly missed scoring in the last minute of the game when he followed up a punt ahead by Honeywill, only a faulty bounce saving the Police line.

J. Redman refereed and the teams were:—

NAVY—Morahan; McGill, Honeywill, Paul and Bowden; Carter and Rutherford; Winter, Watson, Manfield; Stockham, King; Eager, Palmer and Poole.

POLICE—Wilson; Taylor, Dingsdale, Fay and Reynolds; Jackson and Morrison; Gullman, Lewis, Rose; Oakley, Jenner; Wright-Nooth, Hogarth and Innes.

#### LAST MATCH ON FEBRUARY 1

The only remaining game in the Tournament—Police v. Army—will be played at Boundary Street on February 1.

#### Valued At Six Figures

Some of the horses affected are of high class. At a peace-time valuation they would be worth something in six figures, and they certainly added strength and prestige to British racing.

Indeed, in the years just before the war they won so many good races that some British breeders began to wonder whether our friends across the Channel were rearing a new type of super-horse. Now the picture is changed.



# FOOTBALL MAY FALL INTO LINE WITH INDUSTRY

FOOTBALL MAY FALL into line with industry and carry on during air raid warnings, regarding sirens as the "alert" instead of a danger signal, a recent report from London stated.

The question of whether or not to continue matches after the warning has sounded is a vexed one, and it is learned that the football authorities may shortly seek an amendment of the government regulation which orders the suspension of games until the "Raider's passed" is sounded.

The employment of "spotters" is visualised if permission is given for football to carry on until danger is imminent, but this idea, so far, has no official backing.

Mr. F. Howarth, Secretary of the Football League, said: "When the original regulations were laid down, sirens were the alarm signal. Now that they are to be regarded as an 'alert' it is felt in many quarters that football might carry on, and it is likely an amended ruling on the matter will be sought."

## Modifications Are Allowed

The Ministry of Home Security instructions, issued through the Football Association at the start of the season, intimated that rulings concerning the suspension and abandonment of matches after warnings were subject to any modification the police might consider desirable for any particular ground.

A number of Football League matches in London recently were stopped when the warning sounded. At Craven Cottages, Fulham and Clapton Orient were allowed to carry on. There were

only 400 spectators present with ample shelter under the stands.

## "Derby" Abandoned

At Tottenham the crowds were disgruntled because the "derby" match with Arsenal was suspended and finally abandoned. The question of the resumption of play after the "raiders passed" is a matter for the local authorities and the referee. Many factors govern a decision, particularly that regarding players who have to return to their duty stations or

work before night-fall.

Mr. Peter McWilliam, manager of Tottenham Hotspur, says the "spotter" suggestion has its good points.

"It would enable us to carry on until real danger threatened," he said. "Spectators could remain safely under cover and watch the game. I know the majority of my players would be willing to take the risk and continue. Of course, I realise there are attendant dangers, and these must be kept in view when the matter is thrashed out."

They were duly sent out on settling days during racing last winter and spring, but came back marked "address not known."

I have no doubt other big starting-price bookmakers have had the same experience.

The probable explanation is the movements of B.E.F. troops prior to Dunkirk.

Most of the untraced winners may now be prisoners of war in Germany. Some, alas! may never return.

What is certain is that when-

ever the untraced soldiers come back they will find their money waiting for them and no one happier to hand it over than the bookmaker.

## There Are Others

The reverse side of the picture is the man who left for other spheres of action without having the chance of paying his bookie.

It is to the credit of the much-abused layers that they never dream of bringing actions against soldier-debtors.

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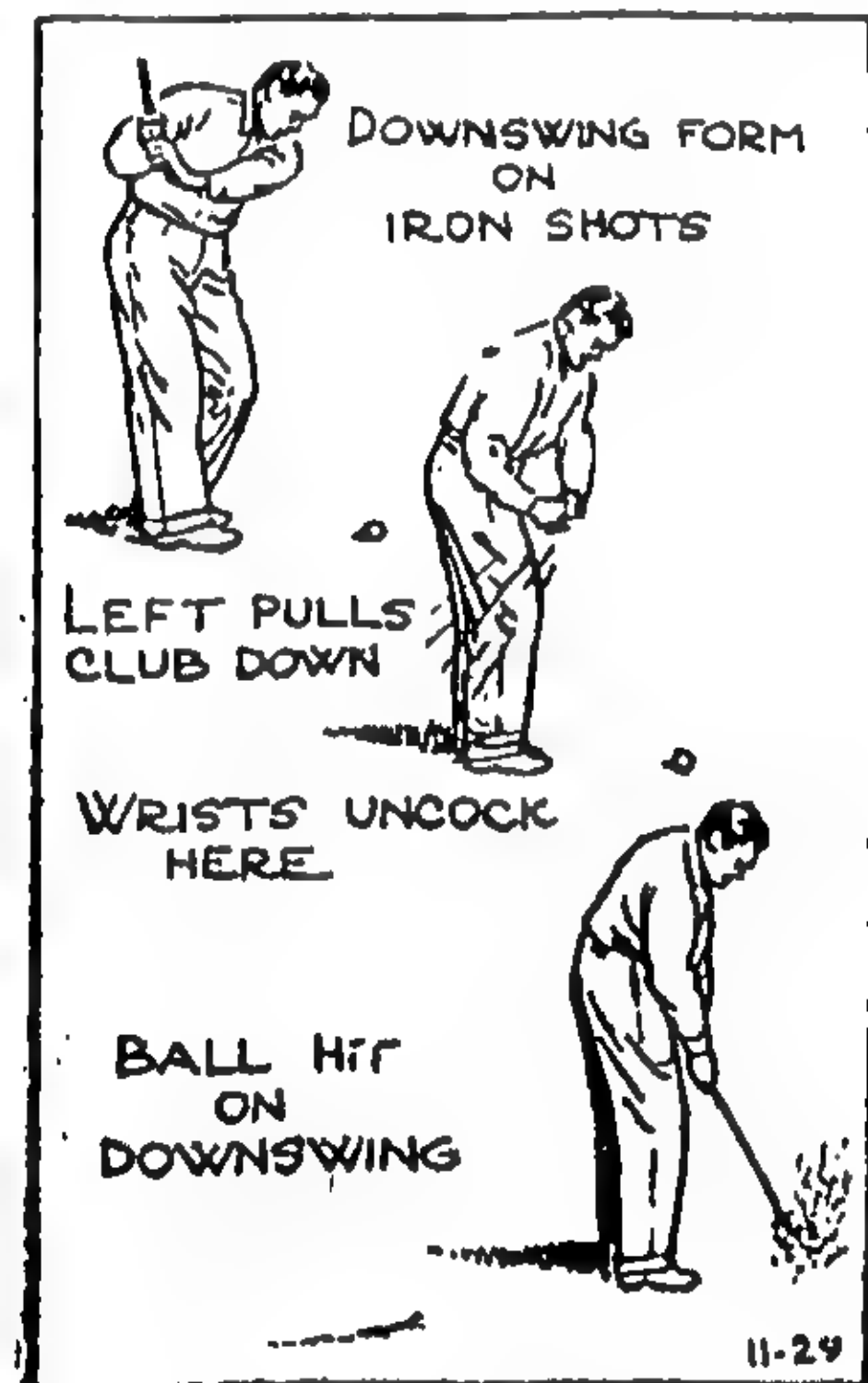


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The hitting area featured in the second illustration features the uncocking of the wrists, which speeds up the clubhead and allows the right hand to slap the clubhead down onto the ball as in the lower figure. The loft of the clubface, and the spin imparted by this downstroke will raise the ball, the clubhead taking turf only after the ball is struck. There is considerable body turn in the above execution, but the arch of the back remains constant and fixed along with the head, thus preventing any disturbance of the relation of distance between the arms, club and ball.

Next Article—A Tip On The Chip.



# FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

## Debate In Commons On "Daily Worker" Closure

### Mr. Herbert Morrison Explains

#### FULL WATER SUPPLY DURING NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Restrictions on water supply are to be entirely suspended for three days during the Chinese New Year holidays, the "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

An all-day water service will be provided on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, after which the daily supply will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. as at present.

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The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said the authorities' action was taken not because of any recent change or development in the character of this publication nor because of the appearance therein of some particular articles, but because it had been for a long period the newspaper's settled policy to try to create a state of mind in which readers would refrain from cooperating in the national war effort and become ready to hinder the effort.

It was his firm conviction that the freedom of the press should be maintained, even at the risk that it may sometimes be abused.

"But there is a wide difference between accepting such occasional risks and allowing continuous publication of newspapers whose deliberate purpose is to weaken the will of the people to achieve victory in the most momentous struggle in our history.

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"Object of its propaganda is to cause the downfall of Democratic Constitutional government regardless of the consequences to the fate of Britain and her Allies.

#### Forbearance

"Before Government took action there had been a long period of forbearance."

Mr. William Gallagher (Communist) asked whether the Government action coincided with the "introduction of proposals to conscript labour" and was meant to suppress all opposition to it.

Mr. Morrison said there was not the slightest connection between the two things.

When the decision was reached to suppress the "Daily Worker" he had not the slightest knowledge that these proposals were coming forward.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) asked whether an opportunity would be given to discuss the matter in the House.

#### Mr. Churchill Intervenes

The Prime Minister intervened to say that if there was sufficient desire to debate the matter naturally an opportunity would be given and he hoped the motion would be pressed to a division so that "we may clearly see what is the balance of opinion in the House." — Reuter.

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#### PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FALL OF TOBRUK

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defences were heavily protected by barbed wire and included tank-traps so deep that our patrols had to use ladders to get in and out of them. As these have been pierced, it seemed clear last night that the Italians were not likely to put up serious resistance for any length of time.

#### Strategic Importance

Discussing Tobruk's strategic importance, authoritative circles in London point out that, in the first place, it has a really good natural harbour, very important along a coast where there are few. The value of a good harbour is clear when it is realised that our troops, when Tobruk falls entirely into their hands, will have lines of communication that are over 200 miles from the rail-head at Marsa Matruh. The harbour will also be useful for taking off Italian prisoners. Tobruk is also important because it is on one main road and dominates another running parallel to it 15 miles inland. The capture of Tobruk will also enable the R.A.F. to make use of Italian aerodromes beyond Tobruk which the Italians have already evacuated.





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# PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FALL OF TOBRUK

Garrison Still Fights In Section Of Town.

## Mr. Paul Spender 'Bombed'

Mr. Paul Spender, the Australian Army Minister, was "bombed" in his car by skylarking soldiers in Sydney yesterday.

The "bomb," which was made of a mixture of flour and chalk, "exploded" over Mr. Spender's chauffeur.

The soldiers, who were in a military truck with a shark tied on the back, threw the "bomb" as Mr. Spender was on the way from Palm Beach to the City.

Mr. Spender took the bombing in good part, saying: "The boys were having a good time. I don't intend to take any action." — Reuter.

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## TWO ENEMY BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Two enemy bombers were destroyed by R.A.F. fighters yesterday.

The official communique announcing this states that shortly before dawn bombs were dropped on the Kent coast and later a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Little damage and no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

## Hedge Hopping Ships

Confirmation that the French steamer Mendoza, which was trying to run the blockade from South America to Europe, has been intercepted by the British, was given by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the Commons yesterday.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Lab) who had suggested that the Mendoza be sunk, interposed to ask whether this "business of hedge-hopping along the coast of South America is to continue indefinitely with all French ships."

Mr. Alexander reminded Col. Wedgwood that the "question of international law affects not only a nation whose ships are intercepted but also other nations who are very friendly to us." — Reuter.

## DESTROYER LOST

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT THE BRITISH DESTROYER HYPERION WAS DAMAGED BY A TORPEDO OR MINE AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY TO BE SUNK BY BRITISH FORCES, SAYS REUTER.

## Resistance Not Expected To Last

THE FALL OF TOBRUK WAS ANNOUNCED PREMATURELY. AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GARRISON IS STILL FIGHTING AND A SECTION OF THE TOWN IS STILL IN THEIR HANDS.

This is indicated by the official reports from Cairo and was also the subject of a statement by Mr. Fadden, the Federal Treasurer, last night. He stated that Mr. Spender, the Army Minister, who made the announcement, had spoken in good faith. Mr. Fadden said all were confident that Tobruk would fall soon.

The British attack by dusk on Tuesday had penetrated the defences of Tobruk to a depth of eight miles, and British forward troops had firmly established themselves in positions directly overlooking and within three miles of the town of Tobruk itself.

Yesterday, states an official communique from General Headquarters in Cairo, operations again developed satisfactorily.

### Kassala Sector

In the Kassala sector of the Sudan the British pursuit continues of Italian forces which have now withdrawn over 40 miles eastwards of the frontier.

West of Metemma the enemy is also steadily giving ground in the face of continued pressure.

Enemy detachments which had been established on the British side of the Kenya frontier since the outbreak of war are everywhere being driven back by intensive patrol activities. — Reuter.

### Troops In Streets Of Tobruk

Imperial troops are now in the actual streets of Tobruk, though fighting continues on the western section of the outer perimeter.

Tobruk contained at least one Italian division, with a small element of another division, as well as permanent garrison troops and heavy additional artillery.

With the mopping up of the Tobruk forces Marshal Graziani will have lost two-thirds of the total Italian forces which were in Libya when operations first started on December 9.

The forces eliminated comprise the equivalent of eight Black Shirt or metropolitan divisions and three Libyan divisions. — Reuter.

### Many Prisoners

A large number of prisoners has been taken in the operations, the termination of which will not,

it is expected, be long delayed.

Only 16 days have elapsed since Bardia fell and although our troops have been in contact with the enemy the whole time, for over a week thick sandstorms have swept the desert as our troops massed for the attack.

The strength of the Italian lines was felt out night after night.

It was found that the outer defences were heavily protected by barbed wire and included tank-traps so deep that our patrols had to use ladders to get in and out of them.

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## HOUSE BURIED BY COLLAPSE

Desperate efforts were made this morning to extricate four Chinese buried when a wall in Ventris Road collapsed, apparently owing to the heavy rainfall.

The Chinese were in a small house below the wall which collapsed and buried the structure. Little hope is held for their safety.

It is believed that the occupants included two women, a child and a man. The house was attached to the Seventh Day Adventist Mission.

The wall was 6 feet long and 30 feet high, and collapsed at 5 o'clock this morning.



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# Man-Power Debate Speeches

## SOME MEMBERS NOT YET SATISFIED

THE FOLLOWING are representative views expressed in the Commons debate on man-power preceding Mr. Churchill's speech yesterday.

Mr. Clement Davies (Ind.), who was the leading figure in the so-called "ginger group" which operated during Mr. Chamberlain's Premiership, declared the Government was still doing too little and that property and persons must be subjected to greater discipline.

Mr. J. J. Lawson (Lab) appealed to members to beware lest they modify or undermine the fine temper and spirit of the great mass of workers.

Mr. M. S. McCorquodale (back-bench Conservative) said there was a certain uneasiness about the nation's production methods.

That was obviously felt by Mr. Churchill because of the changes he had made in the Government. But he (Mr. McCorquodale) thought the new production plan would work.

Dr. Edith Summerskill (Lab) pleaded for a propaganda effort to make the nation's womanhood more war-minded.

Another Labourite, Mr. A. Woodburn, contended that compulsion within industry was not necessary and would utterly fail. — Reuter.

## ISLANDS LEASED TO AMERICA

Two islands in the Bermuda group are to be leased to the United States for a period of ninety years to be used as flying-boat bases.

They are the Morgan and the Tucker islands.

The Colonial Office states that when it was announced that an agreement had been reached on certain sites which were to be leased to the United States for bases in Bermuda and the British West Indies, it was stated in regard to Bermuda, that the United States had also asked for the use of one or more islands in the Great Sound.

An agreement had now been reached. — Reuter.

## EXCHANGE TO BE ATTEMPTED

IN VIEW OF THE "PRIVATIONS" SUFFERED BY WOMEN AND CHILD MEMBERS OF PALESTINIAN FAMILIES DETAINED IN GERMANY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ENDEAVOURING TO EXPEDITE AN INTERCHANGE OF SUCH PERSONS WITH GERMAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT PRESENT DETAINED IN PALESTINE.

Action has already been taken, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. G. Hall, told the Commons yesterday, as a result of which it was hoped, with the good offices of the United States Embassy, soon to effect an exchange on a reciprocal basis.

Negotiations were somewhat protracted but they were proceeding as speedily as possible. — Reuter.

## NAVY'S PART IN LIBYA WAR

OVER 54,000 PRISONERS AND MANY CAPTURED TANKS IN REPAIRABLE CONDITION HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MAIN BRITISH BASES BY NAVAL UNITS COOPERATING WITH THE ARMY IN LIBYA, ACCORDING TO AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON YESTERDAY, DESCRIBING THE FLEET'S SHARE IN THE RECENT ADVANCE.

Apart from naval bombardments of Italian positions and the removal of prisoners and booty, the Navy played a considerable part, it was stated, in supplying troops in forward positions.

In one short period, 3,000 tons of water were landed in the Bardia area for the army's use.

Transport continues to be largely solved by naval cooperation, large quantities of stores and materials of all kinds for the army and air force being landed daily at various points on the Libyan coast, and all these operations, in which the Australian Navy has played a successful part, have been carried out without loss. — Reuter.

## SUPREME COURT JUDGE RESIGNS

Mr. Justice McReynolds, of the United States Supreme Court, has notified President Roosevelt that he will be retiring on February 1.

Mr. McReynolds has served on the Court for 26 years and is the only Judge whom the Administration has described as "Conservative."

His retirement gives President Roosevelt an opportunity to make his sixth appointment to the nine-man Court.

The Attorney-General, Robert H. Jackson, has frequently been mentioned as the next possible candidate. — Reuter.

## U.S. NAVAL APPROPRIATION

The House of Representatives yesterday passed a Bill authorizing the expenditure of £227,000,000 for the construction of four hundred submarine chasers; and other small craft, and for the expansion of shipbuilding facilities. The Bill goes now to the Senate. — Reuter.

## CANADA'S BIG WAR EFFORT

The increasingly great part that Canada is playing in the Empire war effort was stressed in London yesterday by Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada.

Canada's naval strength has eight times the personnel and ten times the number of ships she had at the beginning of the war, he pointed out, and will continue to increase at the same rate for the next 12 months.

The air-training scheme is well ahead of schedule and the number of officers and other ranks in training is over one-third the number anticipated.

Within a few months, production will be over 70 per cent greater than the peak of the last war.

Canada is providing aeroplane frames, 3.7-inch anti-aircraft guns, 25-pounders, anti-tank guns, 5-inch and 6-inch naval guns, machine-guns of many types, tanks, 400 army lorries a day, optical instruments, precision instruments and several millions of shells a month, said Mr. Massey.

## AMERICAN SUPPLIES TO SOVIET

The lifting of the moral embargo on the export of aeroplanes and air equipment to the Soviet Union is unlikely to affect the form of war supplies to Britain, according to well-informed quarters in Washington.

No orders Russia could place could be fulfilled before 1943, if then.

The lifting of the embargo is little more than a "fine gesture."

Apart from the moral embargo, there are also a number of restrictions on the shipment of materials necessary for defence needs and connected with the plans to make United States industry into an arsenal for Britain.

Asked at his press conference yesterday whether material shipped to Russia might reach Germany, Mr. Cordell Hull replied: "I think you will find that the usual interest of this government in that phase of the situation is being taken." — Reuter.

## BARBAROUS GERMAN TACTICS

Twelve attacks have been made on British airmen after they had baled out of their machines.

This was disclosed in the Commons yesterday when the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, was asked how many British airmen had been shot at by enemy aircraft after they had taken to their parachutes.

Sir Archibald replied there was film evidence to show that at least 12 of these contemptible attacks had taken place; in four of which airmen may have been killed.

Asked whether, in view of the fact that such practice was repugnant to all airmen of whatever nationality, some representation through a neutral government might be made to the German or Italian Governments, Sir Archibald replied he was not aware of any representations. — Reuter.

## MOBILISATION OF THE GREEKS IN EGYPT

The Greek Government has ordered the mobilisation of Greek citizens throughout Egypt between the ages of 20 and 45, says a Cairo message.

The formation of an Army Corps named the "Hellenic Column in Egypt" will follow. — Reuter.

## DUTCH TO BUILD FOOD RESERVES

The Netherlands Government has made arrangements for the purchase and storage of food and materials for the ultimate benefit of the people of the Netherlands.

When the Netherlands Government was forced to leave the country in order to continue their functions on foreign soil, the Netherlands people were left with ample stored food and raw materials.

The Nazi exploitation of the Netherlands and its people, according to Dutch circles in London, soon reduced all available stocks to a minimum and serious hardship is now being experienced by the Dutch populace.

Queen Wilhelmina has just appointed the Netherlands commercial expert, Mr. Van Stolk, to whom has been assigned the task to contract all purchases for the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs.

A purchasing office will be opened in New York and goods will be purchased from the Netherlands East Indies, the British Empire and America, so that the Netherlands Government will have sufficient food and raw materials available to start a replenishment in the Netherlands at the first opportunity. — Reuter.

## STOCK EXCHANGE SLACK

Sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was cheered by the latest news in regard to Tobruk but the early promise of a resumption of activity failed to materialise. Gilt-edged occasionally strengthened but industrials and oils failed to show any definite trend. Among foreign bonds Brazilians were undecided while Far Easterns, especially Japanese, tended to go lower. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

## R.A.F. SUPPORT OF ARMY ATTACK ON TOBRUK

SUPPORTING THE ARMY attack R.A.F. bombers raided Tobruk on the night of Monday, states an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Bombs were dropped on anti-aircraft batteries two of which ceased firing, and on cross roads north-east of El Gubbi landing ground.

Violent explosions occurred among buildings.

British fighter patrols were very active throughout the day but no contact was made with the enemy.

In Albania, military objectives in Elbasan were raided on Tuesday. High explosive and incendiary bombs fell within the target area.

Military buildings and a railway line were hit and there was a violent explosion close to the railway.

Anti-aircraft opposition was encountered and enemy fighters were active.

### Massawa Raided

In Italian East Africa Massawa was raided on Monday night, the power station and a large factory being particular targets.

The railway station at Aisha was attacked on Monday, bombs straddling the track while a direct hit was registered on a large building.

### Madagascar Raided

Tripoli, Libya, and other targets were hit by bombs.

Several fires were started at Burje during a night raid on camps and forts.

Rhodesian aircraft machine-gunned enemy motor transport on the road between Keru and Hisha, causing considerable damage.

South African planes successfully raided Javello, and scored direct hits on enemy bombers.

All British aircraft returned safely from all operations. — Reuter.

## HAPPY VALLEY MYSTERY

The discovery of an unidentified Chinese about 30 years of age, lying in a pool of blood was made yesterday afternoon in Happy Valley.

The man was found badly injured and died on the way to hospital. The police are investigating.



# RETREAT IN ERITREA

## Italians Take Refuge In The Highlands

### British Army Faces Delicate Task

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Abyssinian Frontier)

WITHDRAWAL OF THE Italians into the highlands of Eritrea has left the British to take the initiative of a 50-mile advance over ground which undoubtedly has been prepared with mines and booby traps.

After their defeat in the Western Desert, the Italians are taking no risks and at the last minute are hurriedly endeavouring to withdraw both material and troops in order to shorten their lines of communication.

This withdrawal has been dictated by the gathering of strong British forces along the Sudan-Abyssinian frontier coinciding with an open organised rebellion on the part of Ethiopian patriots.

The Italians realized they were unable to hold Kassala against an assault.

At the same time its capture by the British has had a heartening effect on the Ethiopian troops.

#### 60-Mile Convoy

British, Indian and Sudanese troops are assembled along a 1,200-mile front from the Red Sea to the shores of Lake Rudolf, and South Africans have played an important role in providing war material for this Imperial Army.

One South African convoy alone, which on the march had a space of 20 yards between each vehicle, measured 60 miles.—Reuter.

#### Retreat Continuing

The Italian retreat into Eritrea is continuing, according to the latest reports received here.

No serious fighting has occurred, but British forces are in close pursuit and harrying the Italian rear troops.

The enemy is expected to offer resistance at Agordat, a railway some eighty miles from the frontier, where it is presumed they will occupy prepared positions.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIANS LEADING NEW ETHIOPIAN ARMY

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Abyssinian Forces in the Sudan)

THE FIRST CONTINGENT of regular troops in the new Abyssinian Army was formerly entrusted by Emperor Haile Selassie yesterday morning to the leadership of a young Australian officer.

Vultures were circling overhead when, accompanied by the Crown Prince, the Duke of Harrar, the Emperor arrived on the parade ground where the troops were drawn up, each platoon headed by an Australian sergeant.

After inspecting the khaki-clad warriors with their British rifles and equipment, the Emperor addressed them on the task entrusted to them under their Australian commander, exhorting them to drive the invader from their country. It is understood the contingent will shortly commence a difficult march of 150 miles into the heart of Abyssinia, taking camels laden with dynamite and bombs in order to blow up bridges and roads. The Australian officers and N.C.O.'s in charge are all volunteers and have been specially trained for the task ahead.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S AID TO GREECE

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, was asked in Parliament yesterday if the British Government proposed officially informing the Greeks of Britain's admiration for their magnificent stand.

The cooperation of the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., replied Mr. Attlee, indicated British confidence and determination to help the Greeks to achieve the final victory.

In addition to providing the Greeks with the sinews of war and over and above £46,000 sent to Greece from the Lord Mayor's Fund, the British Government has decided to send over £55,000 for relief purposes, Mr. Attlee said.

### TURKEY GIVES RADIO WARNING TO GERMANY

A warning that "any Power wishing to strike against the immovable rock of Turkey," will find "the steel of Turkish arms" ready on the frontier, was given on the Ankara radio last night.

Commenting on rumours of troop movements in the Balkans, the announcer said that Turkey awaits and is fully prepared to defend her independence, with the bulk of her Army concentrated in the Straits.—Reuter.

### ALL U.S. DESTROYERS SAFE OVER

The fifty destroyers which were traded to Britain were now "on the other side," said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy Department, at a press conference yesterday.

He said there was one possible exception, namely, that of a destroyer which was damaged in a collision after being transferred, but, Colonel Knox added "Even this may be over there now."

Replying to questions, Colonel Knox denied that the British Government were now asking for American cruisers of the Wichita type.

"As a matter of fact, they are not asking for any more of our ships," he said.

In this connection, Colonel Knox was apparently referring to warships, for it is known that negotiations for purchase of merchant ships are proceeding.—Reuter.

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# BRITAIN'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE IN THE PACIFIC

H. D. LIEM, LONDON correspondent of the Central News Agency of China, delivered a graphic address at a China Campaign Committee luncheon yesterday on Japan's aims in the Pacific.

Mr. Liem showed how Japan's position in Indo-China, Hainan, the Bonins, Caroline and Marshall Islands disorganises the British line of defence between Singapore and Australia.

Japan, he said, is now planning to intervene in the undeclared war between Thailand and Indo-China with the object of getting possession of the whole of Indo-China and thence extending control to Thailand and especially the Kra Peninsula, of long the object of her desires.

It must also be remembered, he said, that the Philippines attain full independence by 1945. The Japanese have been working for many years to establish a controlling interest there.

## Ultimate Fate

While the ultimate fate of the Pacific depends on Britain emerging victorious over Germany, Mr. Liem urged that the Dutch East Indies and China constitute Britain's first line of defence in the Far East.

Everything possible should be done, he said, to help China. There were still some people in England who fancied the Sino-Japanese War could be settled by a compromise.

Such a peace would be only temporary. The Chinese were fighting for fundamental principles of right and justice on which they will never give in. — Reuter.

## BURMA RAILWAY PROBLEMS

Mr. H. W. Kerr (Cons) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether, in view of the possibility of the proposed Burma-Yunnan road for transport of Lancashire textiles into China after the war, the Secretary for India would suggest to the Burmese Government the desirability of preparing the section of this railway leading from the head of the present Burmese railway to the Chinese frontier.

Mr. L. S. Amery replied that the problems which the projected Burma-Yunnan railway present are receiving the urgent consideration of Government.

Engineering difficulties were very great and so was the question of supply, in present conditions, of the materials required. — Reuter.

## AN OFFICIAL GUARDIAN APPOINTED

British children evacuated to South Africa will in future be under the guardianship of the Minister of Social Welfare, according to a decree issued in Capetown yesterday.

As official guardian he will decide on medical treatment and places where they are required to stay. — Reuter.

## ENTIRE SUPPLY OF ORANGES BOUGHT

The Ministry of Food stated yesterday that all oranges produced in the British West Indies in the coming year will be bought by the British Government. — Reuter.

## WENDELL WILLKIE LEAVES

Mr. Wendell Willkie left New York yesterday in the Yankee Clipper on his way to London.

Before leaving at the airport, Mr. Willkie said: "I believe strongly that the survival of England is the best assurance for keeping America out of the war and I think we should support the fighting men of Britain so that they can stop the onslaught of Hitlerism."

"I hope free men all over the world will join to stop totalitarianism."

A borrowed trench helmet was included in Mr. Willkie's luggage. — Reuter.

## SCOTTISH ARMS FACTORY EXPLOSION

An explosion occurred in an arms factory in Scotland yesterday resulting in four being injured.

Damage was slight and investigation of the incident is proceeding. — Reuter.

## BLUNT WARNING

A BLUNT WARNING FROM TURKEY THAT SHE IS NOT GOING TO BE "PUSHED AROUND" CAME FROM ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

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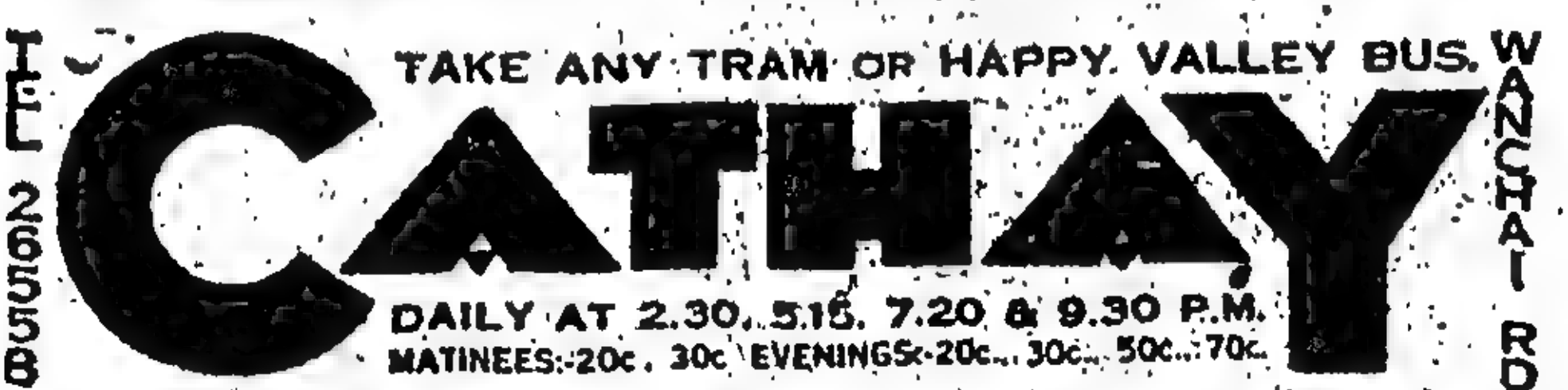
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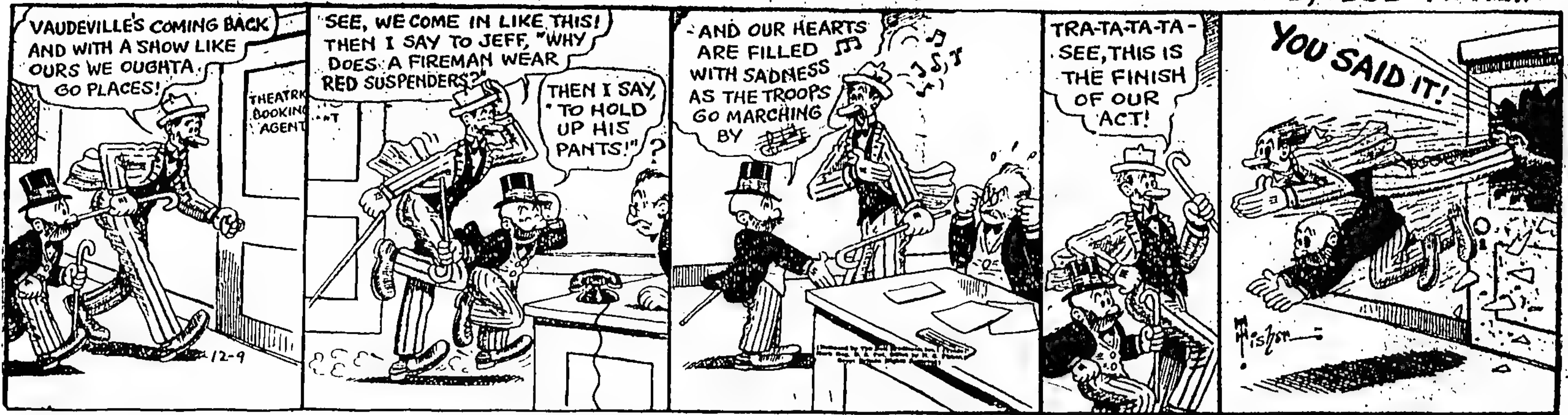


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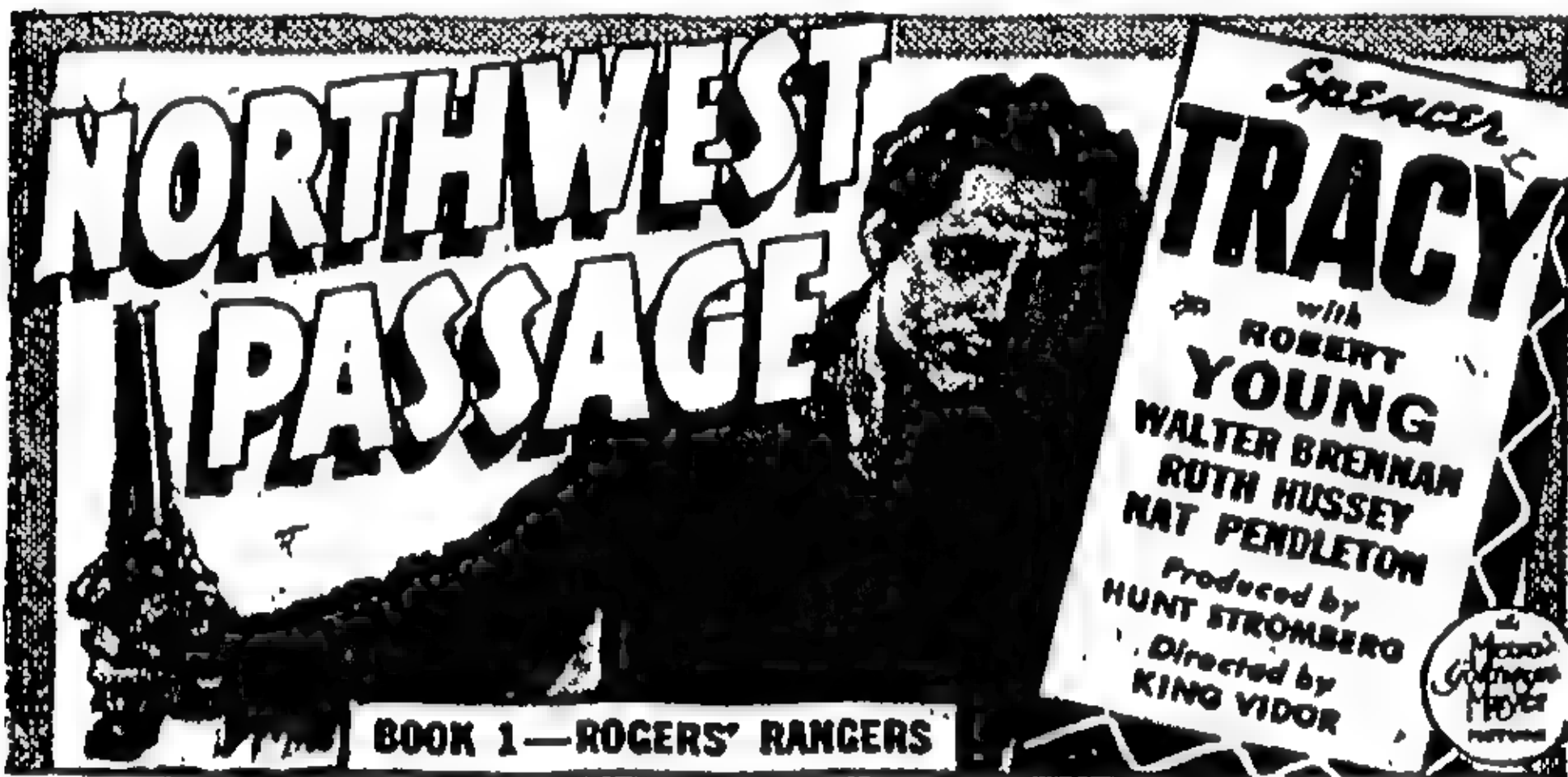
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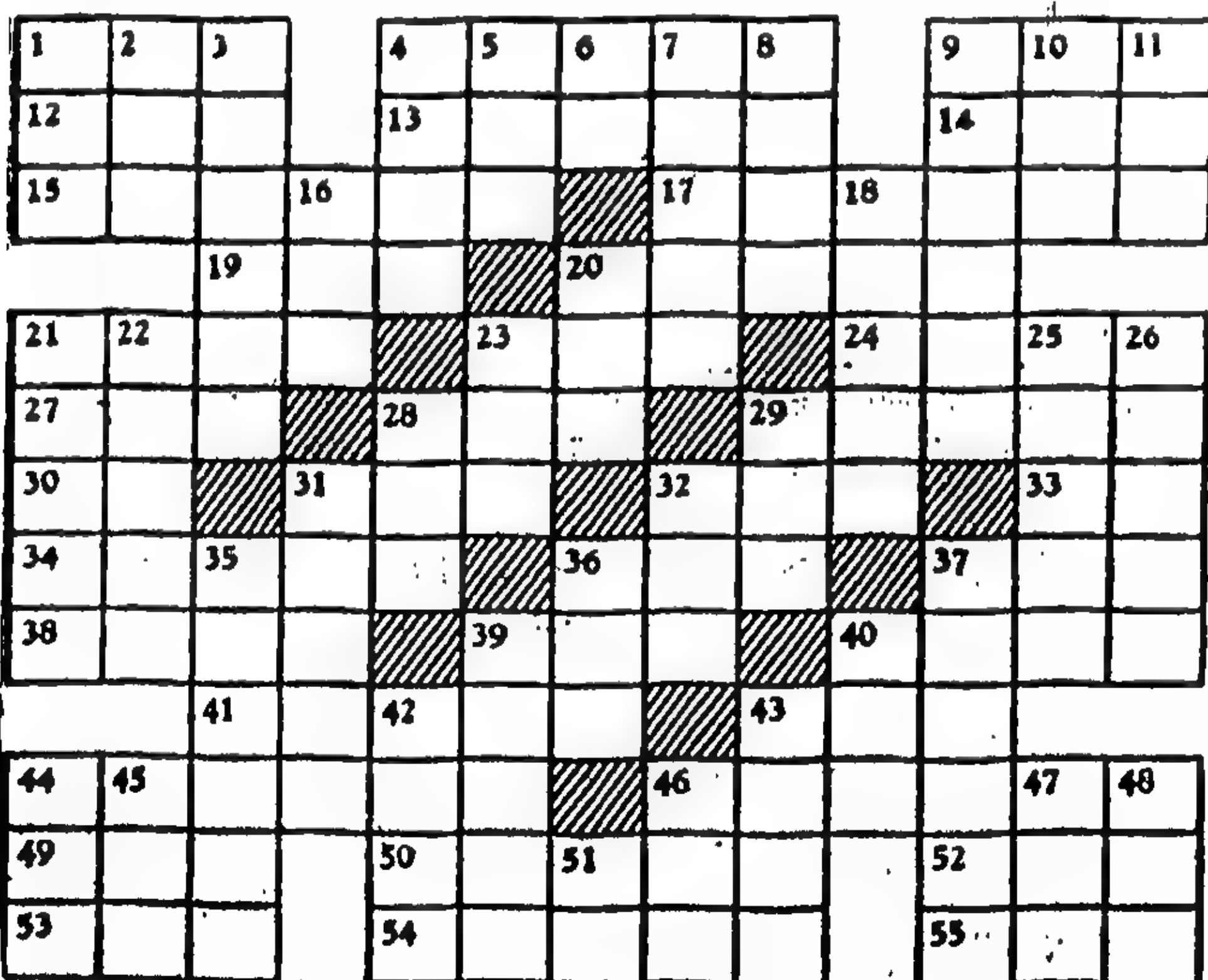
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- 13 Web-like membranes
- 14 To weep
- 15 Chinese river-boat
- 17 East-Indian native
- 19 Playing
- 20 Tree of the oak family
- 21 Notice
- 23 Dried grass
- 24 Trick
- 27 To go astray
- 28 Beetle
- 29 Factor
- 30 Behold!
- 31 To cut
- 32 To hurry
- 33 Cooled lava
- 34 Greek theatre
- 36 Froppish
- 37 Fruit seed
- 38 Movable shelter
- 39 To spread for drying
- 40 Sound accompanying respiration

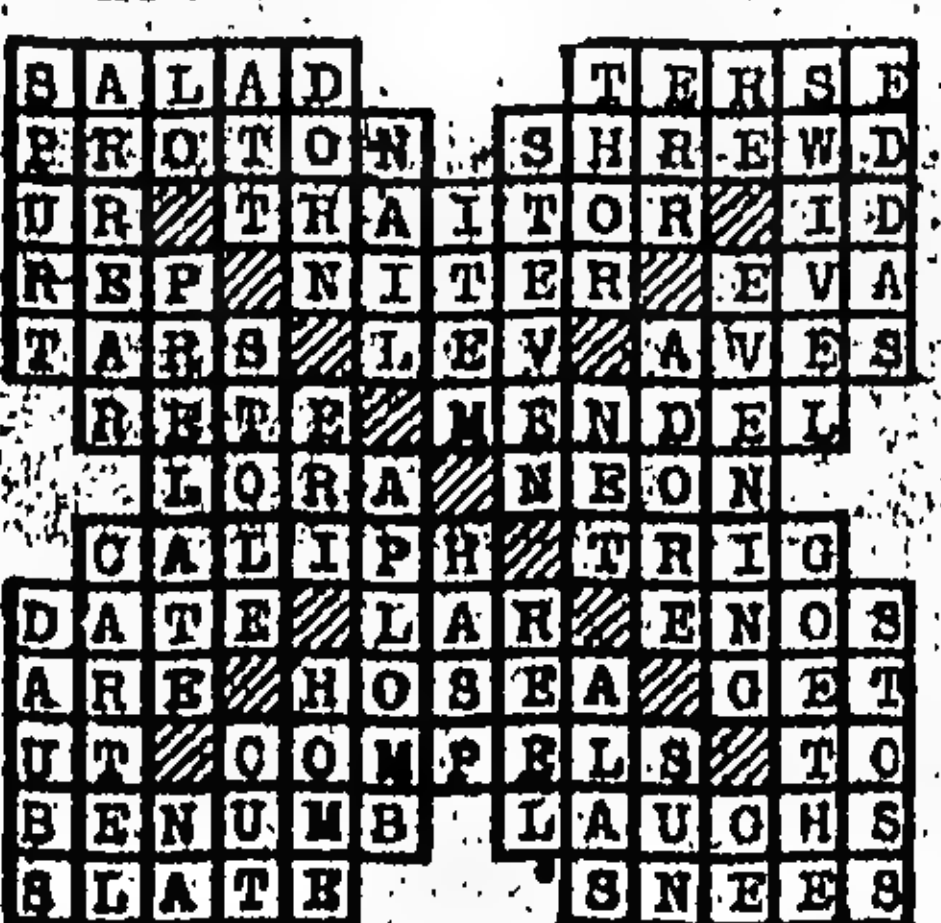
- 41 Large humming-bird
- 43 Swordsman's dummy stake
- 44 Winding
- 46 Slight frictional noise
- 49 Norse goddess
- 50 To cringe
- 52 Inlet
- 53 Mound
- 54 Growing out
- 55 However

## VERTICAL

- 1 Foot-like part
- 2 Chalico
- 3 American Revolutionary general
- 4 To remain
- 5 Knowledge
- 6 Italian article
- 7 To banter
- 8 To guide

- 9 To come as a natural result
- 10 Babylonian deity
- 11 War god
- 14 Seed container
- 18 Strong twilled silk
- 20 Swiss river
- 21 Spartan slave
- 22 To eat away
- 23 By what means
- 25 Gastropod
- 26 Public warehouse
- 28 To put on
- 29 Melody
- 31 Engine
- 32 Coal-scuttle
- 33 Whole
- 34 Turkish headpiece
- 37 Insignificant
- 38 Claw
- 40 Law: things
- 42 Stride
- 43 Unswilled
- 44 Tennis score
- 46 Pastry
- 48 To soak
- 49 Falshood
- 48 To devour
- 51 Indo-Chinese language

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## ATTACK ON LEASE & LEND BILL

The Lease and Lend Bill was described as a measure "to authorise an undeclared war in the name of peace; and dictatorship in the name of defending Democracy," by Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday.

First formal indication of the attitude of the Republican minority towards the Bill in Congress was given by Senator McNary, Republican vice-presidential candidate in the recent presidential elections.

Senator McNary announced he opposed the Bill in its present form "because it grants extraordinary and total power to one person."

He emphasised, however, that he favoured aid to Britain short of war. — Reuter.

## GERMANS FAIL IN NORWAY

German efforts to recruit an army of workers in Norway — 20,000 is the figure mentioned — have failed, according to information reaching London yesterday.

An official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare stated that the Germans had planned to transfer workers via Sweden.

Appeals made by the Quisling authorities had met with singularly little success and Norwegian trade union organisations had refused to cooperate in the enterprise.

The first 5,000 volunteers had been scheduled to leave for Germany in the middle of January but did not do so because of determined opposition by the workers.

Oslo should have supplied 1,000 men but the Norwegian capital failed to provide even 200.

This failure to attract Norwegians to German employment has been brought about in the face of severe unemployment in Norway. — Reuter.

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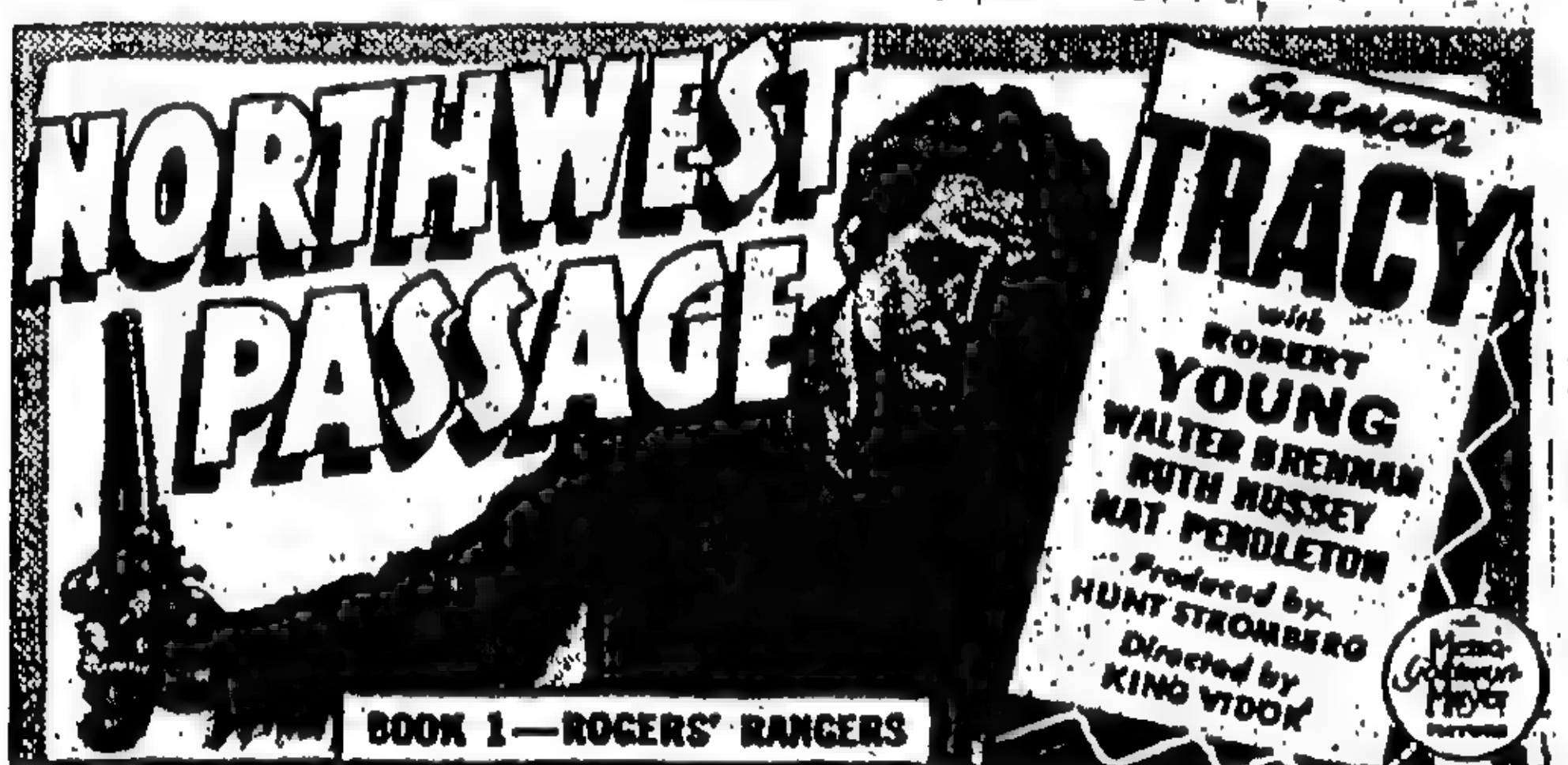
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## ASSURANCES FROM HITLER

Hitler recently added another promise to the record. This time it was the disavowal of any desire for world conquest. In direct reply to President Roosevelt's accusation, the master of the Third Reich declared that to charge Germany with such intentions is to utter "a dumb and infamous lie." Germany, he insisted, wants only a just peace and her own place in the sun.

This was plainly an assurance intended to bring aid and comfort to the advocates of "appeasement" and the opponents of greater aid to Britain. But before they put too much faith in it they will do well to remember some of the earlier assurances which have also come from Adolf Hitler, and compare the pledge with the performance. To recall a few instances:

The pledge: "After the solution of the Saar question the German Government is willing and determined to accept in its innermost soul the Pact of Locarno." (Jan. 30, 1934.)

The performance: On March 1936, Germany remilitarised the Rhineland in violation of the Locarno treaty.

The pledge: "Germany has neither the wish nor the intention to mix in internal Austrian affairs, or to annex or unite with Austria." (May 21, 1935.)

The performance: On March 12, 1938, Germany annexed Austria.

The pledge: "I repeat here that if this problem (concerning the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia) is solved, there will be no further territorial problems in Europe for Germany. \* \* \* We do not want any Czechs." (Sept. 26, 1938.)

The performance: On March 14, 1939, Hitler's troops marched into what remained of Czechoslovakia and made it German spoils.

The pledge: "We are all determined, and also convinced, that our agreement (with Poland) will bring about lasting and continuous pacification. \* \* \* We are two peoples. They shall live." (Sept. 26, 1938.)

The performance: At 5.11 on the morning of Sept. 1, 1939, Hitler ordered German troops to attack Poland.

The pledge: "Germany has concluded non-aggression pacts with the Baltic states. Her interests there are exclusively of an economic character." (Oct. 6, 1939.)

# These Are The Days For Me

The question, "In what age would you have preferred to live?" opens at once to the excitable imagination wide possibilities which cooler reflection shows to be not quite so wide. For if you choose another age than your own, and if you are to give a fair answer, you must assume that your social position will be the same as it is now. From certain points of view it might have been very entertaining to live in the reign of the Emperor Nero—on condition, however, that one should be the Emperor Nero, who seems to have enjoyed almost all the fourteen years of his reign. Talleyrand said that those who had not lived before 1789 had never known how pleasant life could be. But Talleyrand belonged to the social class which had all the fun in the eighteenth century. For innumerable people life was far pleasanter after 1789 than before.

So far as I am concerned I should be well content to be a great Whig nobleman at any time between, say 1760 and 1840 or later—for example, that Lord Durham who was known as "King Jog," because he was once heard to remark that he "supposed that a man might jog along on £30,000 a year." But here we have a transposition not only of period but also of wealth and social status. Assuming that, in some other period, I had precisely the same origins and talents as in this life, the chances would be much against my having the good time that I now enjoy.

This, to be sure, is not true of everyone. As it happens, I am writing this in the garden of a house built by a man who would have been most fervently grateful if he could have been translated, origins and talents and all, to another century—probably the thirteenth or the fourteenth. Nor, do I believe, would he have suffered any disappointment in the change. He would never have at-

tained in that age even the equivalent of the material comfort that he enjoyed in his own—the consideration given to a Royal Academician, American collectors anxious to buy his etchings, membership of a good club, and all the rest of it. He would have

By  
Edward Shanks

been, most likely, a monk or a simple craftsman. But he would have lived in a world where the craftsmanship which was all his life would have been the air that he breathed, and he would have been happier than this age was ever able to make him.

But it is not so with me. I happen to like the good things with which material civilisation provides us, and there have been few, if any, periods in the world's history when a reasonably successful author and journalist could hope to obtain as many of them as now. I make the confession because it is always as well to bring any prejudice of which one is conscious into the open, and this, it is obvious, would prejudice me pretty powerfully in favour of my own times. However, I do believe that there is a stronger and better case to be made for

considerably less destruction than the last. As for the first danger, I am obstinately of the opinion that you must first secure the material well-being of the common man (and of his family) before you can fairly expect him to give his full attention to spiritual values.

Now let me repeat and emphasise my confession that I very much relish many of the luxuries which modern science has brought within the reach of persons of no great wealth. I like avocado pears, as great an addition to our gastronomic resources as, in their time, were tomatoes. I like the refrigerator which keeps the butter cool and hard and the lettuce crisp. I like motor-cars, which enable me to see so much of my own country, and the telephone and the wireless and the gramophone.

But, were this all I had to say, I should simply be talking, especially in the year 1940, like a pinchbeck, middle-class Talleyrand. What I do mean is that on balance the world has become a better place for the common man and woman to live in than ever before. This assertion is based strictly on a comparative, even if we except from it those regions of the world where there has been a definite lowering of standards.

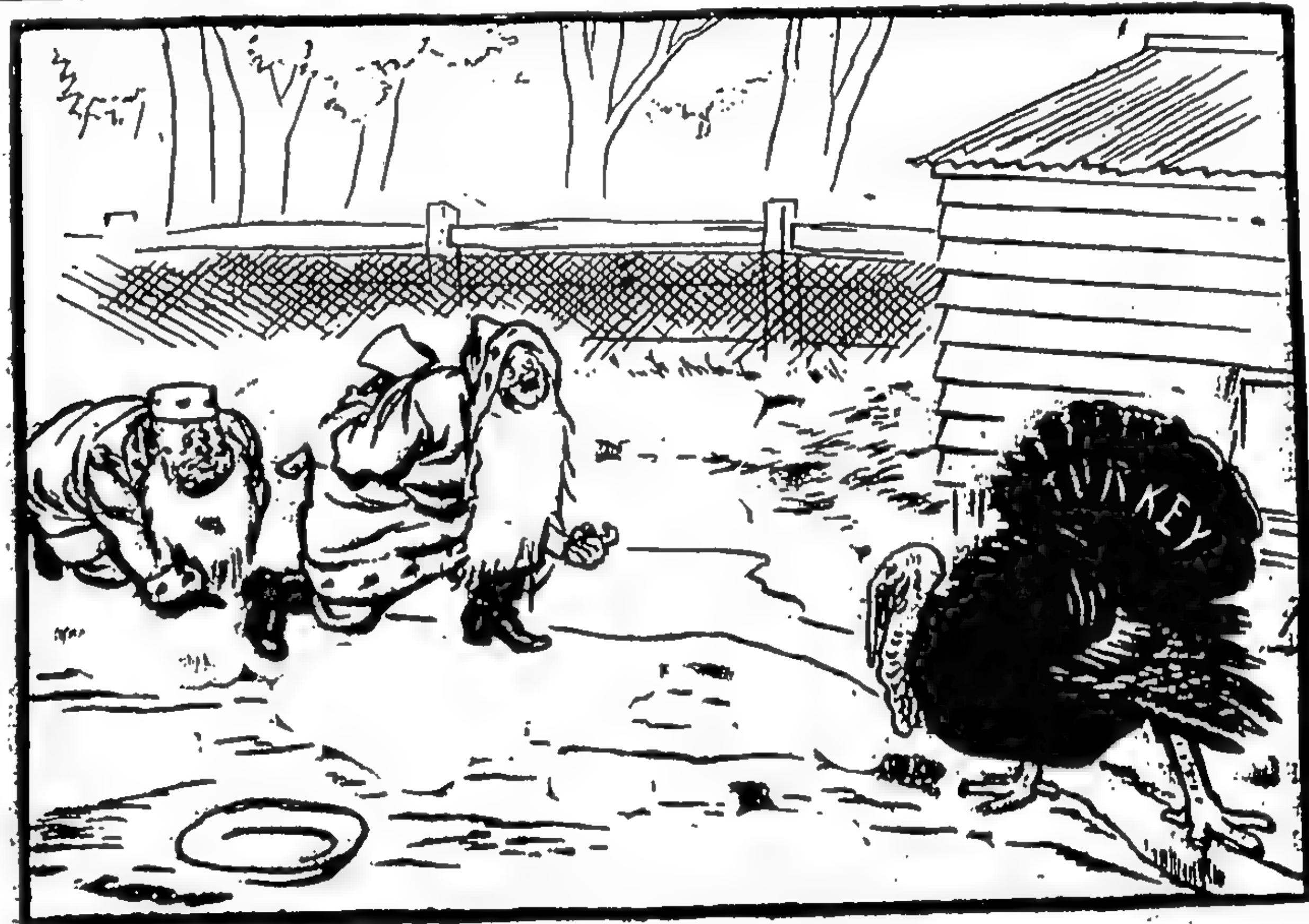
It is necessary to insist on this, because if I do not (and probably even though I have done), when I speak of the improved housing conditions of the people, well-

tion is an enormous leap forward in the progress of the human race, comparable only to what occurred when fire, the wheel and agriculture were invented. The business began with the Greeks, when, for example, Hero of Alexandria made a steam-engine—which was, by the way, a turbine, a way of using steam-power not used again until long after steam-power had become a commonplace.

There are still people who sneer at rapidity of movement. I cannot help liking it when it means that supplies can be taken quickly to the scene of a famine or help to the scene of earthquake, fire, or plague. I think that the first achievement at which mankind must aim is to keep all its members alive and well. It has already the machinery for doing this, and has mastered a good deal, if not all, of the method of using the machinery.

As for the obscuration of spiritual values, are they really so much obscured? You must not compare the saints of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries with the industrial magnates of the nineteenth and twentieth. You must compare them with the land-grabbing, tax-extorting princes, of their own time. With the industrial magnates of ours you must compare the selfless, undemanding workers of science, who have spent their lives in the effort, not merely to ameliorate, but to remove the causes of, human suffering.

Consider Pasteur, Ronald Ross, the Curies. Pasteur staked his reputation, and, with it, his modest livelihood, on a theory which ran counter to the orthodox opinion of his time. Ross found the key to malaria, celebrated it in



"GARN, TAIN'T CHRISTMAS AND YOU'RE NOT SANTA CLAUS."

my own choice.

At first sight, considering our present situation, it may seem rather eccentric to express a preference for this period. But, of course, I do not specifically choose 1940—rather the whole of the century so far as it has gone. And I maintain that what has been good in these years more than counterbalances what has been dreadful in them.

As a matter of fact, a great deal of our modern horror of war springs from the fact that so many of us have so much to lose. (And the seeds of the Nazi war-philosophy were planted and sprouted in the rank soil of Germany's unemployed millions, who were taught that they had nothing to lose.) We have more than our lives at stake; we have so many things that seem to us to make life worth living. This very horror, widespread and deep-seated in the common man and woman, is the measure of the superiority of our own age over its predecessors—at any rate in my eyes.

Let me not be misinterpreted as asserting the absurdity that we have attained to the Earthly Paradise. Apart from the countless millions who, in spite of all I have said, really have nothing to lose that is worth keeping, I am fully aware of two dangers to which our present degree of attainment exposes us. One is the obscuration of spiritual values by material progress. The other is that our advancing science may lead us into self-destruction by its application to weapons of war.

At the moment the second danger seems rather less menacing than it did a year ago. There is at least a possibility that the present war may be decided with

meaning individuals will spring forward to ask me whether I do not know what dreadful conditions still obtain in Doomington, Bruddersford, and a score or more of our industrial towns. I do know. I have seen them. I have been into the back-to-back houses and seen those streets where sixteen or so houses share a convenience ill-called sanitary. But having seen these things, I still believe that conditions are vastly better than they were when I was born, and that, barring catastrophe, they will be better yet.

What we call civilisation has now lasted, with certain recessions, for some six thousand years—at most, for two thousand years longer. It is a period ridiculously short when we compare it with the time-scale of the animal who was already, or was in the way to become, *Homo Sapiens* perhaps half a million years ago. But how short a time this is in which to expect us to have become perfect! How short a time for us to master the powers we have discovered!

At some unimaginable distance from our own age our ancestors discovered the uses of fire and the wheel, how to grow cereals under control, and how to use metals. Nothing can ever be proved about the way in which these things were done, but what evidence there is goes to support the fair guess that all these milestones were passed within a relatively short time—whether a thousand years or a hundred. I should not care to say. Upon this basis what we call civilisation was built—Egypt, the cities of Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, the Arabians, the medieval culture of Europe, and lastly what we now call modern civilisation.

What we call modern civilisation

a poem which is all the more impressive because it is only half-articulate, and had to sell his notes and manuscripts for the support of his declining years. The Curies worked in an ill-equipped shed where they were frozen in winter, and they lived all their lives under the shadow of poverty. Were they saints or were they not?

Unhealthy tracts of the world are being made healthy. Infertile tracts are being made fertile. We begin to know something, however little and apparently useless it may be, about the microcosm of the atom and the macrocosm of the universe. This second bound forward of humanity may bring us to a time when there will be no more famine and no more disease and man can get on with the job of being man.

For my part I count it as a great adventure to live, even only as a spectator, in such times as these. There has been nothing like it for thousands of years. Possibly nothing like it may ever occur again in the whole history of man. Admittedly there is a chance that the whole thing may go smash before it is stabilised. But, even so, it is a great adventure, which we can the better further by recognising how great it is. If I were obliged to choose some period other than my own, I should choose the future of two or three hundred years hence, so that I might see how the adventure turns out. But, choosing without compulsion, I choose this day and this hour. I may perhaps add that what was begun in a Cotswold garden has been finished in a London house and that I can hear a German aeroplane overhead as I write. But that does not alter my opinion.



# STRAYS IN AN ENGLISH SHELTER

(By Henry Trench)

THERE WAS no warning whistle when the bombs exploded; they tore the air like calico in our direction. The noise in the small basement-shelter was not so loud as one had expected, but the fourth bomb wiped away the house next door.

There wasn't time to be afraid; only the silence afterwards was a little shocking, and the smell of hot metal. Then the wardens came and drove us out to find refuge in a strange shelter. It was our turn to be strays.

Strays have always interested us — uneasily — as their feet clattered on the area stairs and the curtain billowed. Just so, I suppose, do rabbits look up from their lettuce at the sound of an intruder in the burrow. Will it be a buck or doe? aggressive or apologetic? for in our small shelter — which was comfortable but not reassuring with a beaverboard wall — there was only room for the regular population which came there every night. After a month of aerial war we had coalesced like a platoon; that was why we seemed to present a rather surly front to newcomers until they had proved friendly. Far more, I think, than bunks and free earplugs does this solidarity help to make life under-ground bearable — almost pleasant. A routine grows naturally like a plant: in the first week tea was always made after a particularly close explosion; later the close explosions didn't matter much, so we had tea and biscuits at 9 (everyone paid a penny and took it in turns to supply tea and sugar); lights were shaded at 10, and snorers ceased to rouse angry feelings — toleration developed. Most wonderful of all a Pole learnt to make strong English tea.

## Even Germans

For ours was a cosmopolitan world. It was as if burrowing below ground, one evaded national boundaries. Three Germans had ended a long pilgrimage there; a mother and two children. The father had been an officer in the German army; he resigned when Hitler came into power, and they fled to Austria, and then to Amsterdam; the father had ended his journey in Australia. Vienna, Prague and Warsaw, Amsterdam, our burrow; these were familiar stations to others too. There was an Austrian, three Czechs and a Pole; the English were only a bare majority. Mattresses and deckchairs left little room for chance comers, and they usually went on to a larger burrow ten yards up the street: a raffish place — where — we heard it rumoured — the police were sometimes called in to deal with drunks and gamblers. We never expected to find ourselves there, in those bleak halls, smelling of old sandbags, strays ourselves.

That night the raid started punctually to time, and everybody was happy (perhaps it was the tranquillity Peter Rabbit felt when he knew exactly where his enemy Mr. McGregor lurked at the moment).

A Czech lady carried round a bag of sweets, and self-revealing conversations started up all over the shelter.

Thick with personal dramas and philosophies the atmosphere was usually a cross between Grand Hotel and The Cheery Orchard, but more Baum perhaps than Tchekov, for the plot was a violent one.

## "Bomb Will Fall"

Between the thuds of the barrage a young man explained to a girl the secret of contentment (he made it sound very easy); the Pole tried to improve his English; two women discussed babies; and a Czech told fortunes, roughly in a teacup. "A bomb will fall," he said, and everyone laughed.

Soon, as the noise of the barrage lifted, and the enemy engines began to probe towards the line for the strays arrived—who had to meet the silent criticism of the platoon. Some used to resent it, and disappear during a full towards the raffish shelter, dropping disparaging remarks, ineffective among the bombs, others ignored

it and moved on a little later carrying their personal histories with them like unopened letters: a few stayed.

Among the strays, too the Baum and Tchekov elements predominated, there was, for example, the night of burglaries in the street above—which was unmistakably Baum. Three men came briskly down the steps at two in the morning, separated, and made for unoccupied chairs, then pulled other people's blankets up to their chins. They had tight suits and ugly ears, and looked shaved for action: once a policeman gazed in, and the cautious eyes watched him from the half-dark. They came once more . . . and there was a burglary that night too.

## "Really Interesting"

One had a racking cough; he looked accustomed to cement floors and the heavy breathing of neighbours. Sometimes soldiers sat shyly out on the area steps with girls, and once—that was a Tchekov touch—an old philosopher with a white beard spent the night. He was a birdlover, and he had a little birdlime on his hat. It was a noisy night; when he left he said it had been an interesting experience—"really interesting." He thought he would go into the country all the same, and sleep on a barn floor (if one had to sleep on floors one might as well sleep in a barn); there, he said, one could have peaceful thoughts. He handed round before he left picture postcards of himself with sparrows nibbling the food from his lips, and repeated that it had all been very interesting.

I like to think it was a tribute to our shelter, and now that we are strays ourselves, among the vagrant population, moving restlessly up and down, I am glad to remember we welcomed at least one stray. Conscience pricks one for all the unwelcomed who tried—some with feigned indignation or nervous fantasies—to make a contact: irritation was better than indifference.

## Mouse Scare

There was a large woman in dusty furs who woke us at two in the morning, in the heart of the heaviest raid, to seek protection from an imaginary mouse—"there it is, there it is"—but it was only a piece of grey fluff shifting in the draught of explosions; and there was the old drunk man who was scandalised at the sight of husbands and wives sharing mattresses. "I'm a rate-payer," he kept repeating, propped against the wall. "If I hadn't seen it with me own eyes," he said shutting them firmly, "I wouldn't have believed. Disgusting, it's disgusting." Scriveling his eyes tighter, he toppled sideways.

Well, one can understand loneliness now. Sometimes one salutes at a distance another member of the old platoon, but we are individuals; the solidarity is gone, and for the first time we are all aware of insecurity.

## HAD BEER—NOW THEY'VE GOT TIGHT

When Police Constable Tight was sworn in as a member of the Glamorganshire Police Force at Whitchurch the county set up a record for the cheeriest police quartet in Britain.

In the Whitchurch force there are now constables named Merry, Bright, Beer and Tight.

## NAZIS KILL MAN FROM GESTAPO

When a German bomber was shot down in the sea three Nazi airmen were seen to take to their rubber boat.

While a British rescue party were going to their aid, they suddenly saw two of the Nazis leaning over the boat pushing something under the water and hitting it.

When the party arrived they saw only two Nazis. They asked where the other one was.

"Oh," replied one of the Nazis, who could speak some English, "we drowned him. He was a Gestapo. He has been with us on every flight for over three weeks with his revolvers sticking in our backs. We decided to kill him, and we have done so."

This story is told in his parish magazine by the Rev. F. L. Maccaussey, Vicar of Mappedurham, Oxon, who says that his facts have been passed by the Censor.

## "Notable" Capture

The vicar also stated that a notable Nazi airman, son of one of Hitler's most eminent advisers, was captured in Britain recently.

"He is thirty-two," the vicar adds, "and he is a son of one of Hitler's eminent advisers in the gentle art of murder from the air. He was his father's right hand man in designing Nazi aircraft."

This murderer in our hands may yet be worth quite a number in the bomber.

"This young man evidently realises that Hitler cannot win, for on being captured, he ripped off his special Nazi decoration and said, 'I shall not want this ever again.'"

(At the Air Ministry and the War Office it was stated they had no knowledge of the capture of any Nazi airman fitting the description given in the magazine.)

## ASHAMED OF SIREN BUSMEN

Birmingham bus conductresses are ashamed of Manchester and Liverpool bus workers, who have decided not to run after 7.30 p.m. during air raids, unless the individual bus crew decide to continue.

"Our men drivers and conductresses carry on all through the air raids," the staff manager of the Midland Red Bus Services, largest in the Midlands, told a reporter.

"The first bus leaves the garage at 4 a.m. and the last returns at midnight. We have 400 conductresses and without them the big works in the Midlands could never carry on."

"Bombs and shrapnel won't stop our girls. During a raid the bus is in total darkness and the conductress has only her lamp to work with, but none of them has ever complained."

## Great Strain, But —

Birmingham Corporation has 1,600 conductresses working on its trams and trolleybuses. Two-thirds of the conducting staff are women.

"Our men and girls never stop the service during air raids," the assistant traffic superintendent said.

"The black-out is a great strain on the drivers and conductresses."

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# BIG SHELTER IS HIT 1914-18 BUT FEW ARE HURT V.C. REJOINS

MANY PEOPLE escaped unhurt when a bomb made a direct hit on a public shelter during the night in the raids on London.

The shelter was divided into eight bays. Some people were killed and others injured in one bay, but in the other bays people suffered nothing worse than shock, and were able to spend the rest of the night in the shelter.

An Air Ministry communique says that the raids were on a larger scale than on recent nights. They were at their height during the early hours of darkness when three main attacks were in progress—against London, against the Midlands, and against towns in the north-west.

Many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in London and its suburbs. Damage was done to a large number of houses and other buildings.

## Double Escape

Elsewhere bombs fell at a number of widely separated points in England and Wales, doing little damage.

A second public shelter in London was hit. It was demolished, but there were no serious casualties.

In the other bombed shelter one man had a remarkable escape. He had left to get a cup of tea in a cafe. The cafe was wrecked by a bomb, but he dragged himself out of the debris.

He was being given treatment for minor injuries and shock when a bomb hit the shelter. The part in which he was being treated was not affected.

A social centre used for resting and feeding the homeless families was damaged.

## Hospitals Bombed

Three London hospitals were bombed. A doctor, five nurses and a porter were injured at one. There were 131 patients. All escaped with little more than a few scratches but they have now been evacuated.

A heavy bomb in a road on the outskirts of London wrecked six houses. All the occupants, several of whom were under kitchen tables, escaped unhurt.

A direct hit on an Anderson shelter in a London area killed a family of seven.

Seven people escaped when a heavy bomb demolished a three-storey house and damaged a number of others in a narrow little street recently visited by the King and Queen near a market place.

The people were in a basement shelter next to the demolished house.

## "Gasworks Hit"

Berlin's version of the raids, quoted by Reuter, says—"In last night's attack on London, German planes scored hits on two large gasworks at Greenwich and Fulham. Several fires could be observed in Greenwich. A large explosion devastated the gasworks."

"The Fulham gasworks was destroyed by bombs of the heaviest calibre. There was a vast explosion with flames several hundred metres in height."

"The lines at Waterloo Station were destroyed."

# MAN, 64, PLAINTIFF IN BREACH CASE

A NOVEL BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION BROUGHT BY A MAN OF 64 HAS BEEN SET DOWN FOR HEARING BEFORE A SPECIAL JURY IN THE KING'S BENCH DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT DURING THE CURRENT SITTINGS.

The plaintiff, Mr. Frederick William Mitchell, Russell Hill Road, Purley, Surrey, is claiming damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage against Mrs. Winifred Mary Richards, of Lake Road East, Cardiff. He is also suing for the return of money which he alleges he paid to Mrs. Richards in various amounts conditional on her promise to marry him.

The allegations are denied in the defence.

The action is the first breach of promise case for many years in which a man has been the plaintiff.

## FUGITIVE SWAM TWO RIVERS

Before an escaped German pilot was recaptured he swam two rivers and wandered for six days over rugged moorland and swamp. Franz von Werra, twenty-six, lieutenant in the German Air Force, offered no resistance to the police at Esk Fell, a lonely spot on the moorland near Ulpha, on the Cumberland border.

Exhausted through lack of food, he was taken to the prison from which he had escaped.

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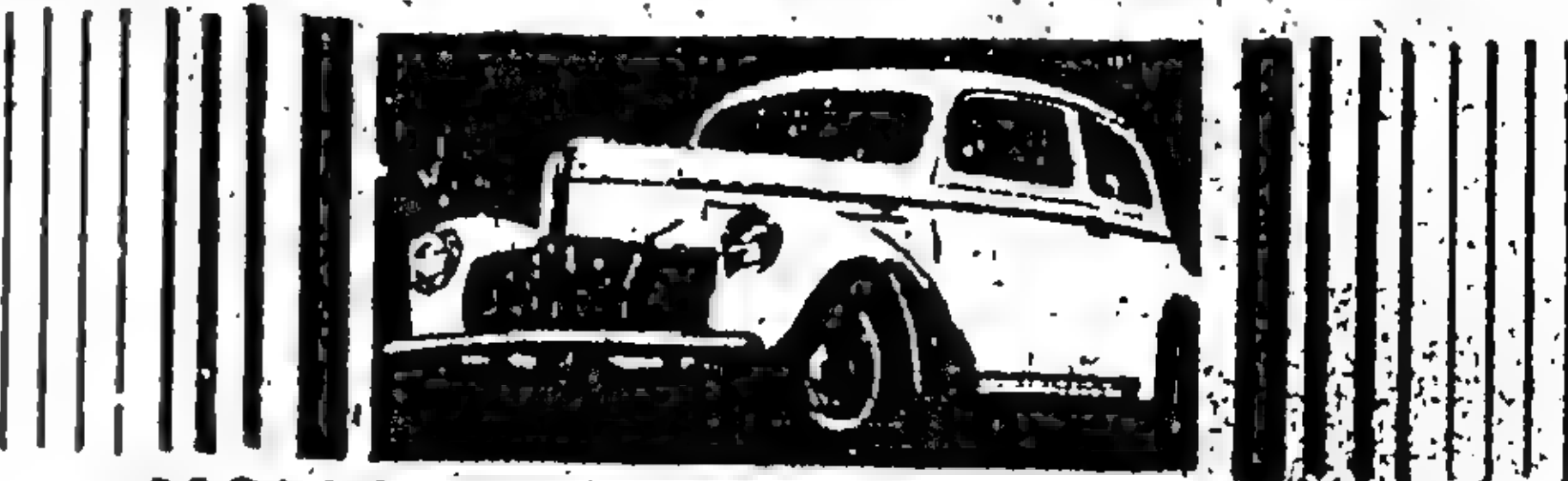
During an advance he was in command of two platoons ordered to dig a communication trench from the old firing line to the position won.

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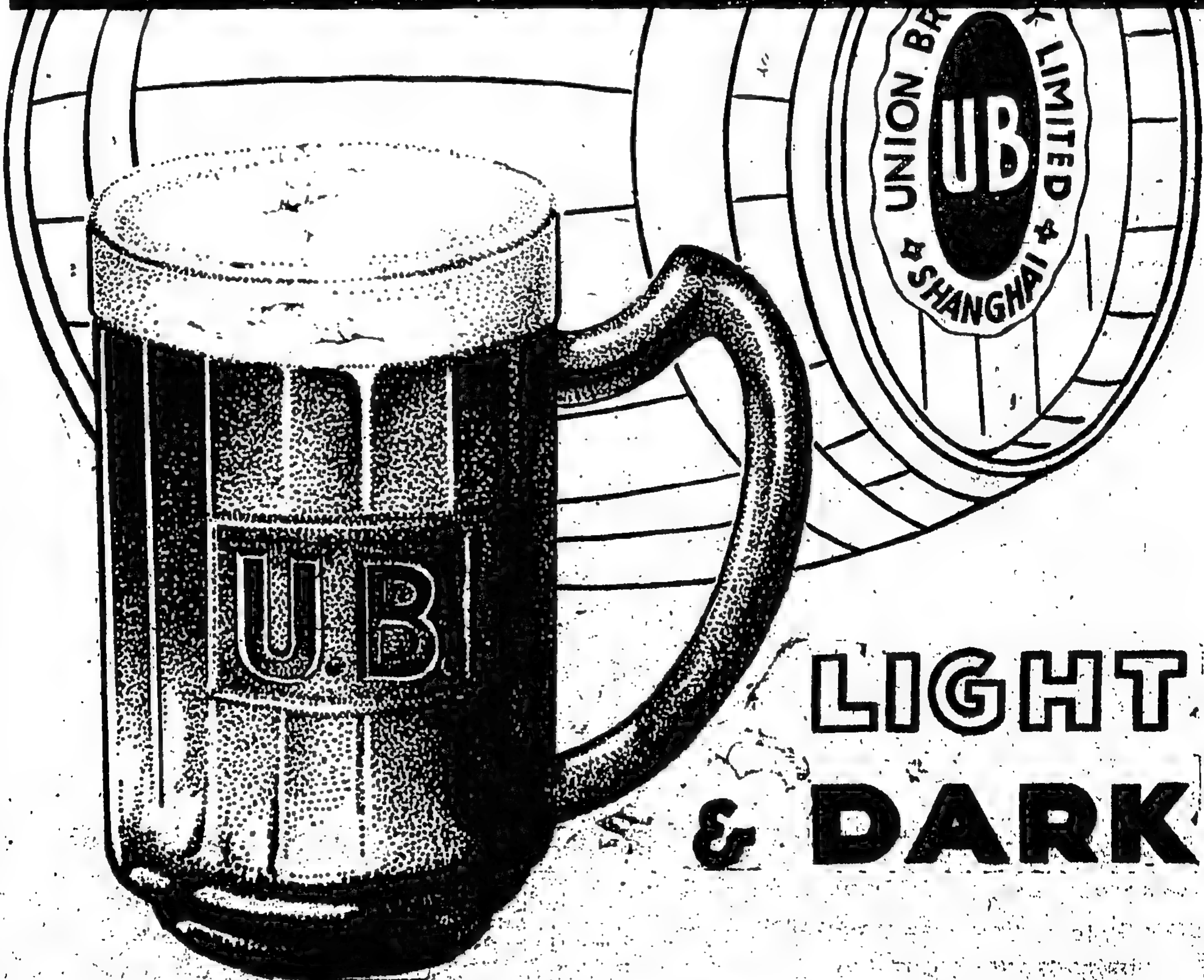
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In accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 27th and 28th January, 1941. (China New Year Holidays). Hong Kong, 22nd January, 1941.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Alien Enemies (Winding Up) Ordinance 1914

and In the Matter of: RICKMERS LINE

Notice is hereby given that it is intended to pay a first and final dividend in the above liquidation, and creditors, who have not already done so, are requested to lodge detailed statements of their claims with the undersigned not later than 15th February, 1941, failing which they will be excluded from the distribution.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,

Chartered Accountants, Liquidators.

Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1941.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be HELD at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 11th. February, 1941, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 1st. February to TUESDAY, 14th. February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 21st January, 1941.

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No. 27

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North: ♠ A Q 5, ♥ K 6 4, ♦ K Q J 10 6, ♣ A 6. South: ♠ 6, ♥ Q J 8 5, ♦ 7 3, ♣ J 9 8 5. West: ♠ K 7, ♥ A 10 9, ♦ 7 2, ♣ A 8 5. East: ♠ J 10 9 8 4 3 2, ♥ 3, ♦ 9 4 2, ♣ 7 3.

The bidding:

North: 1♦, 2♠, 4♠, Pass. East: Dbl., 3♥, Dbl., Pass. South: 1♠, 3♠, Pass, Pass. West: 2♥, Pass, Pass, Pass.

West opened the Queen of hearts, holding the trick. He continued the suit, and South ruffed.

Declarer then led a low trump to dummy's Ace and returned a diamond. East took the Ace of diamonds and returned the King of clubs, whereupon dummy took the club Ace and ran the diamonds. East could ruff the fourth diamond if he liked, but South was able to discard his losing club at the same time. South therefore lost only a spade, a heart, and a diamond — fulfilling his contract.

Perhaps you didn't notice it, but a dastardly deed has been done. Look for the crime and the criminal before you read the next paragraph.

West was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the second trick! West should have realised that shift to clubs was vital. The solidity of dummy's diamonds made it imperative to set up tricks in the side suits so that they could be taken "on the run." There was no need to worry about further heart tricks since if South had another heart, East could cash the heart Ace whenever he chose. But there was need to worry about the clubs since no club trick could be won by the defence until after dummy's Ace had been knocked out. A shift to clubs by West at the second trick would have made it possible for the defence to defeat the contract by taking a trick in each suit.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3, ♥ 8 6 2, ♦ 10 4, ♣ A J 2.

The bidding:

Maier: 1♦, 2♠, Pass. Jacoby: Pass, Pass. You: 1♠, (1). Schenker: Pass, Pass.

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Your partner's rebid indicates a hand with not a great deal more than opening-bid strength; so you cannot safely bid game. Three spades should be fairly safe if your partner has only a minimum opening bid, and you thereby give him a chance to bid game if he has slight excess values.

Score 100% for three spades, 70% for four spades, 40% for pass.

Question No. 621

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 8 7 5 4, ♥ K 6, ♦ K 4, ♣ A 10 3.

The bidding:

Burnstone: 1♦, 2♠, Pass. Jacoby: Pass, Pass. You: 1♠, (1). Schenker: Pass, Pass.

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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WORK THE BEST ANTIDOTE TO BOMB SHOCK

(By A Special Correspondent)

I HAVE HAD the opportunity during the past week or two of discussing with service and civil doctors all over the south and east military area — for months now the front line in the present war — the incidence of shell-shock, or war neurosis, as it is now termed, among the troops and the civilian population.

So far these cases, so numerous in the last war, have been extremely rare. In one of the principal casualty hospitals I was told by the doctor in charge that since the beginning of the war only two had come to his notice.

This is in spite of the fact that the hospital was filled to over-flowing with soldier casualties at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, and that it has dealt with or obtained information of every single casualty which has occurred in air-raids and shelling in this very wide area since the beginning of the war.

Comparison With 1914

Many medical men, while refusing to commit themselves to positive conclusions at this stage, are inclined to explain the scarcity of these cases as follows:

In France and Flanders during the last war troops who were subjected to prolonged bombardment as they stood or sat in the trenches had almost nothing to occupy either their muscles or their minds. During the present war the armed forces and the civilians on the south-east front are all hard at work.

In other words, the best antidote to war neurosis is work. A person who is wholly occupied in mind and body is far less likely to be subject to the nervous reactions which produce "shell shock" than the person who is idle during an air raid or a bombardment.

The company of others, in the opinion of the "front line" medical men, is another important factor in resisting war neurosis. One of them told me he had analysed his own feelings when alone under aerial bombardment or shelling. "When shells or bombs are falling," he told me, "I find I am never anxious if I am in the company of others. It is when I happen to be reading or writing alone in a room and a 'Blitz' begins that I feel symptoms of

'wind up,' and I have no doubt that people in general react in the same way."

Another factor in accounting for the low incidence of "shell shock" among the civilian population may be seen in the fact that recent wars in China, Abyssinia, Spain and Poland have prepared them for the shock of modern war.

BEAT DEATH BY 20 MINUTES

A young soldier beat death by twenty minutes and escaped injury when he volunteered to climb into a wrecked building in a south-west town and unscrew the detonator of a delayed-action bomb.

As he took the detonator away from the bomb it fired in his hand. Another twenty minutes and the bomb would have exploded.

The bomb dropped near a famous church, partly demolishing a warehouse.

People were evacuated from the district, but later were allowed to return, as it was thought the bomb was a dud.

Experts who examined it, however, decided that it was one of the biggest bombs so far dropped in the area, and of a delayed-action type.

The people were hurriedly evacuated again until the bomb had been made harmless, saving the church and almshouses.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"None of that pass stealing till we put in a new fuse, Greenberg!"

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Dry Skin In Cold Weather

We are told that the condition commonly known as "dry skin" is caused by the failure of tiny moisture and oil glands which are in the second layer of skin to function normally. This in turn is caused by one's failure to supply the bloodstream with food necessary to create the protoplasm required to renew the skin.

But, fortunately for us, the skin has a power of renewal if it is given sufficient nourishment and the proper external treatment to stimulate, cleanse and soften it. Its normal elasticity and texture may be restored if you resolved to give it the care it requires.

The most important step in a dry skin treatment is the stimulation. You must wake up those lazy, inactive pores through exercise of the body and with external massage. With a quickened flow of blood to your face your skin will take on new beauty.

### What To Do

To keep face skin nicely lubricated we begin with the scalp. Your hair must be brushed daily and if your scalp is dry too, which is usually the case if your face skin is dry, you must keep it lubricated by using a pomade or tonic several times a week. If you want to prove to yourself the truth of this, feel your skin when your scalp is thoroughly anointed with olive oil before a shampoo. Your skin feels like velvet even though you didn't put a speck of oil on your face! Why! Well, oil travels rapidly down the minute crevices of the skin surface. So you see if you could keep your scalp naturally lubricated your face skin would not be so dry because any excess oil would flow down the face.

When you cleanse your face do not handle it too gently. Give it a good brisk massage. Remove the first cream application with tissue and then put on a richer cream. Massage that well into the skin and slap your face briskly every once in a while. This second application of cream may be removed with cotton moistened in a skin tonic or stimulant, or

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It may be removed with warm water (not hot) and a bland soap. Either the tonic or rinsing water should be very chilled to give the pores a bit more of a work-out.

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Until dry skin becomes naturally lubricated and softened, one should use a protective oil or cream after a thorough cleansing as described above and before going outdoors in cold weather.

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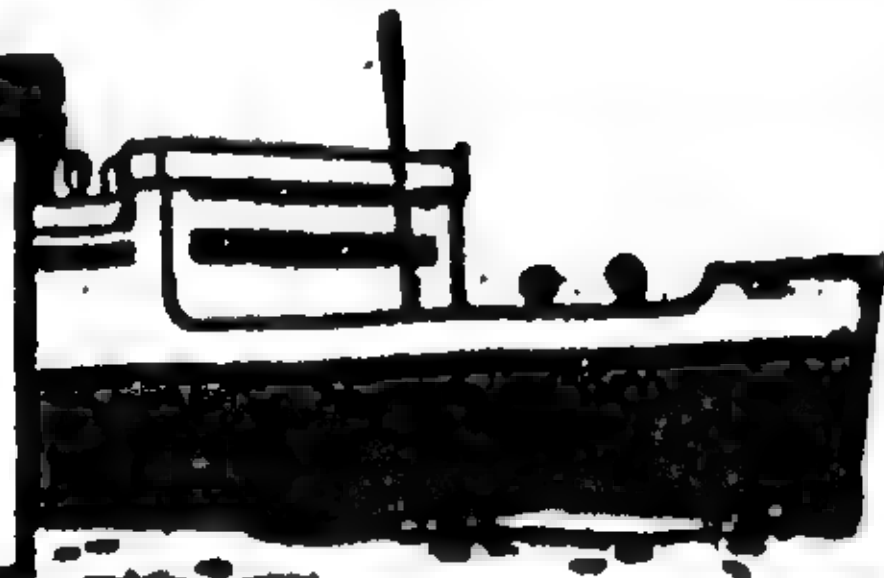
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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th January.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on 28th January from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

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#### FRIDAY

Straits and Rangoon ..... 12.30 p.m.  
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Straits ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".  
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12.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky — Overture "Romeo and Juliet".  
12.52 p.m.—Two Songs by Oscar Natzke (Bass).  
1.03 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.  
1.55 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
6.32 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Up and Over" No. 3.  
8.03 p.m.—Billy Thorburn at the Piano.  
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.  
8.30 p.m.—Variety.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.  
9.30 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 43, Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) with Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.  
9.55 p.m.—A Programme of Spanish Music.  
10.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.  
10.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## ONE MAN HELD UP WAVE OF FIRE, SAVED COMRADES

MORE THAN 100 Bristol auxiliary firemen have played the principal part in fighting one of the biggest fires this country has ever known.

Many of the men had never seen a real fire, yet they tackled the blaze as though it were a parade ground drill.

That so many of them have escaped with their lives is due partly to the heroism of one man, who alone kept back a raging fire which threatened to devour his colleagues.

Sergeant W. V. Philpott, of Bristol, who was in charge of the whole fire-fighting force, told a reporter: "We were just beginning to control the fire when suddenly the water failed us."

"There was just enough water remaining for one branch hose and the man who was handling it stood alone as his mates ran for their lives."

"Somehow, with his one hose, he kept back the fire which was bearing down on him until we could bring up more water."

"If it had not been for him, the other men might not have got away."

Altogether five firemen were killed, two seriously injured and thirty slightly injured, while several men suffered shock and burns.

"The heat was terrific and the smoke was so thick that it overcast everything with a cloud, turning it into night," said Sergeant Philpott.

Nothing could conquer the spirit of the men, who sang and joked as they worked.

Sir Geoffrey Peto, Regional Commissioner for the South-West, told the men when they returned to Bristol: "I think Hitler ought to know the extraordinary spirit you have shown."

## COULDN'T FLY—SAVED 'PLANE

Although his flying experience was practically nil, a twenty-two-year-old navigator took the place of his dead pilot and flew a bomber 250 miles back to the base.

He said he found it easy until the time came to land, when, in his own words, "he began to sweat." But that didn't prevent him from making a really perfect landing.

He is Ian Blair, of St Vincent Street, Glasgow, who has been awarded the D.F.M., it is revealed in Cairo.

The bomber in which Blair was navigator, was attacked by two Italian fighters. A bullet went through the glass panel, killing the pilot and going out on the other side.

Blair saw the pilot's head go forward and the bomber started to dive.

Blair rushed to the control column and, helped by the air gunner, removed the pilot's harness

## NURSE LOWERED TO MERCY TASK

Amid falling bombs and shrapnel, a hospital nurse—clad only in a coat and pyjamas—was twice lowered head first by police into a gap in wreckage to give morphia injections to women patients. The women were trapped when a high explosive bomb demolished part of a hospital in Kent.

Doctors, nurses, police and A.R.P. squads rushed to the scene after the bomb had dropped to find that part of the building had collapsed.

Sister Gantry was lowered into the wreckage, where she crawled in and out with a bowl containing hypodermic syringes, giving the trapped women injections to ease their pain.

She continued her work of mercy until daylight, and though later advised to take some sleep, she returned to her normal duty in the maternity ward.

Several patients were killed in the raid. A number of patients were also seriously injured, and they were removed to other hospitals.

"It was nothing—just my job," Sister Gantry said.

"Everyone else did as much. What else could they do?"

There were tears in her eyes.

"I must go and see one of my nurses," she said. "They tell me she has just died."

The dead nurse was Miss Molly Moore. She was a patient herself at the time the ward was bombed.

Trapped beneath her bed and fallen masonry for seven hours, she comforted her fellow sufferers all the time.

"She died serving her profession," said Sister Gantry.

The other nurse to be killed was Miss Violet Sinclair. She was tending patients when the bomb dropped.

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Then the air gunner went back to watch for Italian fighters and Blair set out for his base.

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UP 21 SURVIVORS

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"I flew around waiting for daylight, hoping it would be possible to make a landing. We flew over to investigate and found a lifeboat," said the aircraft pilot, quoted by the Air Ministry News Service.

"Its occupants had heard the sound of our engines and flashed a lamp to attract our attention. After an hour there was enough light and we came down on the water without difficulty. We took 21 men on board and took off again very easily, despite the extra load."

Those Left Behind

As the Sunderland flew back to its base the men enjoyed breakfast on board. They were sur-

vivors of a torpedoed ship. The boat was found nearly 200 miles from land and the men had been in her for three and a half days.

They had little food or water in that time and thought the breakfast served to them by the Australians was the best meal they had ever had.

Cigarettes which the 11 members of the flying-boat crew handed round afterwards completed their contentment.

The survivors were landed at a West Coast port. Twenty-five of the crew are missing.

The youngest seaman in the ship's crew said: "It was almost worth being torpedoed to get that air trip. It was fine and gave me a thrill."

"The crew of that Sunderland were a grand bunch."

GOOD MEN--  
NO JOB

A suggestion that men of ability cannot obtain wartime posts through the National Register unless they have valuable connections or friendships is made by an M.P. to the Minister of Labour and National Service (Mr. Ernest Bevin).

The suggestion is contained in an appeal by Major E. G. R. Lloyd, M. P. for East Renfrewshire, on behalf of the "new class of unemployed."

Major Lloyd urges the Minister "to search out suitable channels of work for unemployed business executives, middlemen, and a large number of women agents, travellers, clerical staffs, in the luxury trades."

He suggests that the National Register does not serve the purpose of absorbing business executives into war effort.

Heard Nothing More

"In point of fact," Major Lloyd says, "I have had a large number of instances brought to my notice by men of unquestioned ability and experience, with the highest testimonials who have been placed on the National Register, but have heard nothing more and see no prospect of obtaining employment."

"It has even been suggested that unless there is some personal connection or friendship, which can be used advantageously, an outsider finds it extremely difficult to obtain employment through the National Register."

"At the same time, one hears unfavourable comments upon the apparent qualifications of some of the personnel selected for various minor official and administrative posts."

The problem may not at the moment be clamouring for immediate solution, because many of the people to whom I refer may still be living on their savings, but it will I predict shortly become of paramount importance."

U.S. TO  
BUILD 200  
NEW SHIPS

An emergency appropriation of U.S.\$313,000,000 for the building of two hundred new cargo ships in order to meet the threat of a world shipping shortage was recommended to-day by the House Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This followed the statement by Rear-Admiral Land, Chairman of the Committee, to the effect that the sinking of merchantmen by German submarines and planes was the principal reason for the new programme.

The money will be handled by the Maritime Commission which has already begun the preliminary work on the programme.

The new cargo ships will be simplified with a uniform design.

Rear-Admiral Land estimated that the first ships will be ready eleven months after the contract has been placed and the total programme will be finished in two years' time.—Reuter.

SPEEDING  
UP SHIP  
REPAIRS

A scheme to transfer labour voluntarily in ship repairing and shipbuilding industries in the event of an emergency arising out of enemy action is being brought into being on Merseyside.

If ship repairing work requires to be reduced or discontinued in any district, volunteers may be transferred to other districts.

Local committees have been set up on Merseyside to operate the scheme, under which transfers will be from district to district lying beyond daily travelling distance of each other.

Men will normally be required to stay in district as long as needed, and will receive the rates of pay of the district to which they are transferred.

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# Rule Regarding Matches Interfered With By Rain

## Unfinished Matches Must Be Replayed

### Bowlers Handicapped By Saturday's Persistent Drizzle

By "Adrem"

MOST OF SATURDAY'S cricket programme was washed out, only two matches being played, and although University were rather unkind to Recreio first eleven—the draw that resulted from their match at Pokfulum may well cost the latter team the League—one of the chief topics of discussion among cricketers during the week has been on the possible risk taken by Recreio in continuing the match when it appeared very unlikely that it could be finished.

General opinion, so far as I have been able to ascertain, has it that if one innings had been completed and the match then abandoned, the result would have been a draw.

#### The Rule

Reference to a copy of the Rules of the Hong Kong Cricket League which I have in my possession, however, reveals that this is not the case.

The Rule states:—"In case a match is not finished on account of rain, it shall be replayed."

This had me a bit puzzled to start with as I misinterpreted the word "finish," and came to the conclusion, taking the case of Saturday's match as an illustration, that if there had been periods during which play had been suspended, Recreio might have been in a position to have claimed a replay on the grounds that these interruptions prevented a "finish."

But, of course, the game did finish, in that play was in progress at the time fixed by the League for the drawing of stumps.

Covered by the rule teams in the running for championships need have no misgivings about attempting to finish a match if the weather is threatening, although they would be unfortunate if they had run up a big total, the other side were, say, 100 runs behind with nine wickets down at 5 p.m., and rain washed out further play.

#### Gosano Criticised

Reverting to the match between University and Recreio, I have heard Eddie Gosano criticised for allowing the match to continue under the conditions prevailing. Apparently he was given the option of carrying on or stopping but chose the former course and play did carry on, without a single break, until the bitter end.

Runs came easily for Recreio, especially easily for Eddie Gosano himself, and, well ahead of the clock and with a powerful bowling side, he must have felt certain that in the time the Recreio rate of scoring would have allowed for the dismissal of their opponents, the task would have been an easy one.

After initial success, when Matthews and Ride were dismissed cheaply, he soon found his mistake. If the University bowlers were unable to keep control of the slippery ball neither were Recreio's and on the dead true matting wicket University found little difficulty in playing out time—most of the University batsmen can present a straight bat when necessary.

#### Miserable Affair

The junior match at King's Park was a miserable affair and after three University wickets had fallen quickly it was only a question of whether University would be able to repeat their performance of the previous week against K.C.C. and force a draw. Alves and Silva bowled too well for them and they failed by 15 runs.



#### K.C.C. Selections

Following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday:—

1st XI (v University, home):—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, F. R. Zimmern, A. Zimmern, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay.

2nd XI (v Recreio, away):—S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, F. Goodwin, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor and L. R. Burch. 12th man Major W. W. Parsons.

#### Holiday Matches

The following have been selected to represent the first team against Hong Kong Cricket Club on Monday and Tuesday, starting at 11 o'clock each day:—

E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, F. R. Zimmern, A. Zimmern, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, N. A. E. Mackay, 12th man E. Zimmern.

#### Junior Team

Second eleven will entertain Royal Engineers at Kowloon on Monday. Following is the team:—S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin,

E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, W. W. Parsons, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenton, B. D. Lay and 12th man, R. Leigh.

### CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Craigengower in league and friendly cricket matches on Saturday:—

Firsts v Civil Service, League (Away):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. Hung, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Youngsaye. Reserve: T. H. Edgar.

Seconds v Army, Friendly (Home):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, O. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way. Reserve: L. Chon.

#### Recreio Team

The following will represent Recreio against Kowloon in a second division league match on Saturday at Recreio:—E. A. R. Alves, P. M. N. da Silva Jnr, H. A. Barros, A. J. M. Prato, A. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho, B. T. Gosano, J. A. Soares, F. J. Remedios, M. d'Almada Remedios, A. H. d'Almada Remedios.

### GRAPHIC GOLF



#### Crisp Iron Play

BY BEST BALL

Decisiveness is essential in iron shots. The ball must be hit crisply, firmly for good results. Hesitancy reflects itself in the execution of the stroke and the sharp bite, which should be imparted by the clubface to the ball, is lost. The stroke starts down by a pull of the left arm downward as illustrated in the top illustration above. As the left heel returns to the ground the right elbow returns to the right side, thereby keeping the arms in close to the body.

The hitting area featured in the second illustration features the uncocking of the wrists, which speeds up the clubhead and allows the right hand to slap the clubhead down onto the ball as in the lower figure. The loft of the clubface and the spin imparted by this downstroke will raise the ball, the clubhead taking turf only after the ball is struck. There is considerable body turn in the above execution but the arch of the back remains constant and fixed along with the head, thus preventing any disturbance of the relation of distance between the arms, club and ball.

Next Article—A Tip On The Chip.

## NAVY UNBEATEN RUGBY CHAMPIONS: BEAT POLICE 9-4

By "Scrum-Half"

NAVY CONCLUDED THEIR QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY WITH AN UNBEATEN RECORD, DEFEATING POLICE AT CAUSEWAY BAY BY THREE TRIES (9 PTS.) TO A DROPPED GOAL (4 PTS.) AFTER LEADING 6-4 AT THE INTERVAL.

Police lost the first encounter, at Boundary Street, by 20 pts. to nil, but yesterday, strengthened by the inclusion of Wilson, first as full-back and then at centre-three-quarter, and Innes, though still without Wall, Lusecombe, Searle and Dempsey, they were a new team and gave Navy a really hard game.

Navy were unfortunate to lose Paul just before the interval, as the result of an injured leg—it does not appear to be serious, however, and he is likely to play on Saturday for England—but Police received an even greater setback at the commencement of the second half, when Morrison injured his shoulder and also had to leave the field. Wright-Nooth went to scrum-half, but his absence from the pack proved too much for Police, robbing them of much of their sting.

#### 31 OUT OF 69!

Of Navy's total of 69 points in the Tournament Paul himself scored 31!

It was a forward's game under the heavy conditions and the Navy pack gave of their best. Watson, Stockham, Eager and King being only a shade better than the other three—Manfield took Paul's place in the three-quarter line. Honeywill was well watched, as was Rutherford, especially by Wright-Nooth, and McGill gave his best display this season, scoring an excellent try

after a 25-yard run and almost going over again in the last minute of the game.

#### Wright-Nooth Best

Wilson had little to do at full-back, but he made his presence felt in the three-quarter line—he changed places with Dingsdale—timely tackles holding up many Navy attacks. Jackson played well at fly-half, handling extremely soundly, and if only he would tackle low he would be a very useful player. At forward Wright-Nooth was again in a class of his own—he is probably the fittest man playing Rugby to-day—while Innes, Hogarth and Oakley often caught the eye.

A penalty kick from almost on the touch line led to the opening score, Taylor's instep effort being knocked on badly by Winter, and from the five-yard scrum Innes got the ball back to Wright-Nooth, who calmly dropped a goal from almost in front of the posts. Wright-Nooth saved the Police line a moment later when he grassed Paul, who had made a good corkscrew run and had then attempted to cut inwards to catch the Police defence off their balance. He had only five yards to go when he was brought down.

#### Paul Injured

Navy, however, scored soon after, Bowden ducking under Reynolds' high tackle and passing to Paul when partially tackled by Wilson for that player to go over in the corner for a try which he just failed to convert. Paul then had a chance of giving Navy the lead when Jackson was penalised for offside play in his own 25, but his kick went wide. In the next minute Paul injured his leg, following a collision with Wright-Nooth and had to leave the field. Manfield came out of the pack and Navy continued to press until Rutherford came round the blind side of the scrum and hurled himself over the line half way between the posts and touch. Wilson narrowly missed landing a goal and half time arrived with Navy leading 6-4.

#### Morrison Hurt

Police lost Morrison in the opening minutes of the second half and brought Wright-Nooth out of the pack to fill the vacancy. Little of note occurred until towards the close—loose scrums and line-outs being the order of the day—when McGill secured and handed off two opponents, Taylor and Dingsdale, before touching down in the corner after a spectacular 25-yard run. King failed to convert and this ended the scoring, although McGill narrowly missed scoring in the last minute of the game when he followed up a punt ahead by Honeywill, only a faulty bounce saving the Police line.

J. Redman refereed and the terms were:—

NAVY—Morahan; McGill, Honeywill, Paul and Bowden; Carter and Rutherford; Winter, Watson, Manfield, Stockham, King, Eager, Palmer and Poole.

POLICE—Wilson; Taylor, Dingsdale, Fay and Reynolds; Jackson and Morrison; Cullinan, Lewis, Rose, Oakley, Jenner; Wright-Nooth, Hogarth and Innes.

#### LAST MATCH ON FEBRUARY 1

The only remaining game in the Tournament—Police v Army—will be played at Boundary Street on February 1.

## FRENCH RACE HORSES IN ENGLAND

WHAT IS TO BE DONE about those French racehorses in this country whose owners can't be found? The solution is not in sight.

In some cases trainers have been unable to find any authority to which they can look for paying the training and feeding bills, writes a Home correspondent.

As a racehorse these days costs four good English pounds in food and attendance per week unless put out to grass, the matter looks serious enough.

One trainer, at least, has made official inquiries and has been told he can do nothing except possess his soul in patience.

It is not every French owner, of course, who has been placed in the dilemma of being kept virtually a prisoner in France and unable to get in touch with his English trainer.

#### Leon Volterra Here

I have seen the French theatre magnate, M. Leon Volterra, on English tracks, and I have little doubt Frank Butters will be turning out some good winners for a patron who has supplied many high-class horses in this country. I see, too, that Steve Donoghue has entered some of M. Boussac's horses in races.

But we shall have to wait till peace returns and Hitler fades into no more than an evil name before we see all the famous French colours again together—the orange and grey of M. Boussac, the maroon and yellow stripes of M. St. Alary, the blue and white of Mr. Wertheimer, and the blue and yellow hoops of Baron Edouard de Rothschild.

#### Valued At Six Figures

Some of the horses affected are of high class. At a peace-time valuation they would be worth something in six figures, and this certainly added strength and prestige to British racing.

Indeed, in the years just before the war they won so many good races that some British breeders began to wonder whether our friends across the Channel were rearing a new type of super-horse. Now the picture is changed.



## K.C.C. BEAT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's will not now be promoted from "B" Division to "A" Division of the Badminton League.

Last night, with Eardley, they went down to K.C.C. by the odd game, despite a great effort by Smith and Wilson who won all three games.

In other matches St. Andrew's beat Police and V.R.C. beat Jewish Recreation Club.

Following were the scores:

St. John's lost to Kowloon Cricket Club by 5 games to 4.

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's).

lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 11-21

beat J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones 21-18

lost to A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann 15-21

N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's).

beat Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 21-13

beat Anderson and Jones 21-19

beat Guest and Zimmermann 21-16

R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's).

lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 12-21

lost to Anderson and Jones 6-21

lost to Guest and Zimmermann 9-21

### J.R.C. v. V.R.C.

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Victoria Recreation Club by 5 games to 4.

J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.).

lost to D. N. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 21-23

beat A. A. Remedios and F. Castro 21-10

beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21-12

A. R. Poliak and L. Landau (J.R.C.).

lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 10-21

lost to Remedios and Castro 21-23

lost to Basto and Soares 7-21

S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.).

lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 8-21

beat Remedios and Castro 21-7

beat Basto and Soares 21-14

### St. Andrew's v. Police

Playing at home, St. Andrew's beat Police by 8 games to 1.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's).

beat W. Gillies and L. Gordon 21-18

beat H. Dingsdale and J. Ferrier 21-5

beat C. Y. Siu and J. Shepherd 21-2

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's).

beat Gillies and Gordon 21-9

## SERVICE OTHER RANKS NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL

By "Adrem"

I was officially informed this morning that Service personnel, other than officers, will not be available for the trip to Macao for the annual Hockey Interport with the Portuguese port.

Several changes have accordingly been made in the trial teams for Saturday which will now be as follows:

Colours—V. M. Benwell (Club); V. Bond (Club); and R. G. K. Thompson (Club); M. H. Hassan (Khalsa); W. A. Reed (Club); and N. B. M. Whitley (Club); Tejja Singh (Police); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Jesbir Singh (Police); J. Fonseca (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).

Whites—U. B. Souza (Khalsa); Man Singh (Police) and A. M. Xavier (Nomads); D. McLellan (Club); Capt. Woods (Rajputs) and T. Alves (Recreio); L. J. Ross (Punjabs); M. Akram (Punjabs); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) and Narwant Singh (Police).

Following are requested to attend—D. T. Smith (C.B.A.); R. Marques (Recreio); B. J. Rickford (Club); J. Gonsalves (Recreio); R. J. Reed (Nomads); and Capt. Kampta Parsad (Punjabs).

## "B" DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	4	0	4	23	13	8
King's	3	0	3	21	6	6
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recreio	3	1	2	17	10	4
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18	4
V.R.C.	3	2	1	8	19	2
St. Andrew's	4	3	1	17	19	2
Police	4	4	0	7	20	0
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0

beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21-18  
beat Siu and Shepherd 21-5  
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's).  
lost to Gillies and Gordon 15-21  
beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21-8  
beat Siu and Shepherd 21-5

### Match Postponed

The match between King's College and Club de Recreio was postponed, owing to fact T. Lam and T. H. Lo of King's were injured during a recent game.

# BET WINNINGS WAITING FOR UNTRACED SOLDIER-BACKERS

HERE'S A STRANGE war echo. In the office of a leading firm of London bookmakers there are many cheques for winning bets made by soldier-customers waiting collection, writes a Home correspondent.

They were duly sent out on settling days during racing last winter and spring, but came back marked "address not known."

I have no doubt other big starting-price bookmakers have had the same experience.

The probable explanation is the movements of B.E.F. troops prior to Dunkirk.

Most of the untraced winners may now be prisoners of war in Germany. Some, alas! may never return.

What is certain is that whenever the untraced soldiers come back they will find their money waiting for them and no one hap-

pier to hand it over than the bookmaker.

### There Are Others

The reverse side of the picture is the man who left for other spheres of action without having the chance of paying his bookie.

It is to the credit of the much-abused layers that they never dream of bringing actions against soldier-debtors.

The civilian defaulter is in a different category, and I gather is increasing in numbers.

One Tattersall's rails man who did not attend the Nottingham

meeting said to me: "First of all I have to win on the day and then I have to collect the cash. I can easily win money on the book, but lose on the day."

## SWIMMING EXHIBITION

Members of the Rikkyo University swimming team, who recently competed with great success in the Philippines championships, will give an exhibition in the European Y.M.C.A. pool to-day at 2 p.m. A charge of \$1 will be made, 50 per cent. of which will be donated to charity.

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# FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

## Debate In Commons On "Daily Worker" Closure

### FULL WATER SUPPLY DURING NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Restrictions on water supply are to be entirely suspended for three days during the Chinese New Year holidays, the "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

An all-day water service will be provided on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, after which the daily supply will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. as at present.

### CHINA-BURMA NEGOTIATIONS

Satisfactory results have been attained in negotiations between the Burmese Government Mission and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government departments concerned with problems between China and Burma, especially those affecting overseas affairs and communications. The negotiations which have been going on since the arrival of the Mission in Chungking on January 15 are still in progress. — Central News.

## Mr. Herbert Morrison Explains

**SUPPRESSION OF THE Communist newspaper "Daily Worker" provoked a miniature debate at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.**

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said the authorities' action was taken not because of any recent change or development in the character of this publication nor because of the appearance therein of some particular articles, but because it had been for a long period the newspaper's settled policy to try to create a state of mind in which readers would refrain from cooperating in the national war effort and become ready to hinder the effort.

It was his firm conviction that the freedom of the press should be maintained, even at the risk that it may sometimes be abused.

"But there is a wide difference between accepting such occasional risks and allowing continuous publication of newspapers whose deliberate purpose is to weaken the will of the people to achieve victory in the most momentous struggle in our history.

"Object of its propaganda is to cause the downfall of Democratic Constitutional government regardless of the consequences to the fate of Britain and her Allies.

### Forbearance

"Before Government took action there had been a long period of forbearance."

Mr. William Gallagher (Communist) asked whether the Government action coincided with the "introduction of proposals to conscript labour" and was meant to suppress all opposition to it.

Mr. Morrison said there was not the slightest connection between the two things.

When the decision was reached to suppress the "Daily Worker" he had not the slightest knowledge that these proposals were coming forward.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) asked whether an opportunity would be given to discuss the matter in the House.

### Mr. Churchill Intervenes

The Prime Minister intervened to say that if there was sufficient desire to debate the matter naturally an opportunity would be given and he hoped the motion would be pressed to a division so that "we may clearly see what is the balance of opinion in the House." — Reuter.

### PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FALL OF TOBRUK

(Continued from Page 1)

As these have been pierced, it seemed clear last night that the Italians were not likely to put up serious resistance for any length of time.

### Strategic Importance

Discussing Tobruk's strategic importance, authoritative circles in London point out that, in the first place, it has a really good natural harbour, very important along a coast where these are few.

The value of a good harbour is clear when it is realised that our troops, when Tobruk falls entirely into their hands, will have lines of communication that are over 200 miles from the rail-head at Mersa Matruh.

The harbour will also be useful for taking off Italian prisoners. Tobruk is also important because it is on one main road and dominates another running parallel to it 15 miles inland.

The capture of Tobruk will also enable the R.A.F. to make use of Italian aerodromes beyond Tobruk which the Italians have already evacuated.

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## TOBRUK CAPTURED--OFFICIAL THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS

Last Resistance Broken During Yesterday Afternoon

### TIME LIMIT FOR BILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt last night urged Democratic leaders to rush the Lease and Lend Bill through Congress in 60 days, or about the time a crisis in the form of the threatened German invasion of England is expected.

Concerned over reports that opposition to the grant of sweeping power to the Executive is growing in Congress, the President called a special conference of Senate Democratic leaders to make his request.

The conference was held as Senator McNary returned to the capital and declared his opposition to the Bill in its present form "because it grants extraordinary and total powers to one person."

Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, also opposed the Bill, charging it would lead to war in Europe and Fascism in the United States. — International News Service.

### Hedge Hopping Ships

Confirmation that the French steamer Mendoza, which was trying to run the blockade from South America to Europe, has been intercepted by the British, was given by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the Commons yesterday.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Lab.) who had suggested that the Mendoza be sunk, interposed to ask whether this "business of hedge-hopping" along the coast of South America is to continue indefinitely with all French ships.

Mr. Alexander reminded Col. Wedgwood that the "question of international law affects not only British ships but also other nations who are very friendly to us." — Reuter.

### Toughest Italian Opposition Of Libyan Campaign

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FALL OF TOBRUK AFTER A BITTER 48-HOUR FIGHT ENDING IN THE DEATH OR CAPTURE OF VIRTUALLY ALL THE LIBYAN PORT'S 20,000 TO 30,000 ITALIAN DEFENDERS, WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY BY THE BRITISH COMMAND IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

### Anarchy Reigns In Rumania

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Anarchy reigns in Bucharest and, in other parts of Rumania, the Government authorities are no longer in command of the situation, according to reports from Sofia.

Clashes between the Army and the Italians offered more stubborn the main centres of the country and heavy casualties are reported in fighting in the vicinity of the naval dockyard at Constanza.

General Antonescu has ordered curfew from 9 p.m. throughout Rumania. — International News Service.

The town's last resistance was broken just after noon and by nightfall the port was fully in the possession of British and Anzac troops save for a few sections where some Fascists still held out.

The partially ruined city was subjected to more than a fortnight's preparatory shelling and held hundreds of dead and wounded Italians, and in the harbour two ships were still burning when the capture was completed.

Reaching the heights above the city itself on Tuesday night the British and Imperial troops slashed their way down into the port yesterday but met one of the most powerful Italian stands of the entire war.

Most of the defenders had already fallen before the bayonets

and gunfire of the attackers. Hundreds of Italian casualties are reported to have occurred when columns of Italian prisoners being conducted to the rear (Continued on Page 16)

### HOUSE BURIED IN VENTRIS ROAD LANDSLIDE

A HUGE LANDSLIDE occurred in Ventris Road early this morning, when hundreds of tons of earth and rocks crashed and buried a stone house behind the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Church.

In the house at the time of the accident were Mr. and Mrs. Ip Wai-sun, caretakers of the Church, their four-months-old son, and Mrs. Ip's mother.

At the height of this morning's thunderstorm, a retaining wall about 60 feet long and 30 feet high suddenly collapsed and avalanched down the hillside crashing on the stone house.

The fire brigade and police

were summoned and started digging immediately. At about 10.30 a.m. they reached the level of the stone dwelling but there were no signs of the structure. It is therefore presumed that the house must have been completely shattered by the weight of the landslide.

WEATHER FORECAST: — South winds, moderate; cloudy, showery.

### TWO ENEMY BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Two enemy bombers were destroyed by R.A.F. fighters yesterday.

The official communique announcing this states that shortly before dawn bombs were dropped on the Kent coast and later a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Little damage and no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

### DESTROYER LOST

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT THE BRITISH DESTROYER HYPERION WAS DAMAGED BY A TORPEDO OR MINE AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY TO BE SUNK BY BRITISH FORCES, SAYS REUTER.



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# Man-Power Debate Speeches

## SOME MEMBERS NOT YET SATISFIED

THE FOLLOWING are representative views expressed in the Commons debate on man-power preceding Mr. Churchill's speech yesterday.

Mr. Clement Davies (Ind.), who was the leading figure in the so-called "ginger group" which operated during Mr. Chamberlain's Premiership, declared the Government was still doing too little and that property and persons must be subjected to greater discipline.

Mr. J. J. Lawson (Lab) appealed to members to beware lest they modify or undermine the fine temper and spirit of the great mass of workers.

Mr. M. S. McCordale (back-bench Conservative) said there was a certain uneasiness about the nation's production methods.

That was obviously felt by Mr. Churchill because of the changes he had made in the Government. But he (Mr. McCordale) thought the new production plan would work.

Dr. Edith Summerskill (Lab) pleaded for a propaganda effort to make the nation's womanhood more war-minded.

Another Labourite, Mr. A. Woodburn, contended that compulsion within industry was not necessary and would utterly fail. — Reuter.

## ISLANDS LEASED TO AMERICA

Two islands in the Bermuda group are to be leased to the United States for a period of ninety years to be used as flying-boat bases.

They are the Morgan and the Tucker islands.

The Colonial Office states that when it was announced that an agreement had been reached on certain sites which were to be leased to the United States for bases in Bermuda and the British West Indies, it was stated in regard to Bermuda, that the United States had also asked for the use of one or more islands in the Great Sound.

An agreement had now been reached. — Reuter.

## EXCHANGE TO BE ATTEMPTED

IN VIEW OF THE "PRIVATIONS" SUFFERED BY WOMEN AND CHILD MEMBERS OF PALESTINIAN FAMILIES DETAINED IN GERMANY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ENDEAVOURING TO EXPEDITE AN INTERCHANGE OF SUCH PERSONS WITH GERMAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT PRESENT DETAINED IN PALESTINE.

Action has already been taken, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. G. Hall, told the Commons yesterday, as a result of which it was hoped, with the good offices of the United States Embassy, soon to effect an exchange on a reciprocal basis.

Negotiations were somewhat protracted, but they were proceeding as speedily as possible. — Reuter.

## NAVY'S PART IN LIBYA WAR

OVER 54,000 PRISONERS AND MANY CAPTURED TANKS IN REPAIRABLE CONDITION HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MAIN BRITISH BASES BY NAVAL UNITS COOPERATING WITH THE ARMY IN LIBYA, ACCORDING TO AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON YESTERDAY, DESCRIBING THE FLEET'S SHARE IN THE RECENT ADVANCE.

Apart from naval bombardments of Italian positions and the removal of prisoners and booty, the Navy played a considerable part, it was stated, in supplying troops in forward positions.

In one short period, 3,000 tons of water were landed in the Bardia area for the army's use.

Transport continues to be largely solved by naval cooperation, large quantities of stores and materials of all kinds for the army and air force being landed daily at various points on the Libyan coast, and all these operations, in which the Australian Navy has played a successful part, have been carried out without loss. — Reuter.

## SUPREME COURT JUDGE RESIGNS

Mr. Justice McReynolds, of the United States Supreme Court, has notified President Roosevelt that he will be retiring on February 1.

Mr. McReynolds has served on the Court for 26 years and is the only Judge whom the Administration has described as "Conservative."

His retirement gives President Roosevelt an opportunity to make his sixth appointment to the nine-man Court.

The Attorney-General, Robert H. Jackson, has frequently been mentioned as the next possible candidate. — Reuter.

## U.S. NAVAL APPROPRIATION

The House of Representatives yesterday passed a Bill authorising the expenditure of \$227,000,000 for the construction of four hundred submarine chasers and other small craft, and for the expansion of shipbuilding facilities. The Bill goes now to the Senate. — Reuter.

## CANADA'S BIG WAR EFFORT

The increasingly great part that Canada is playing in the Empire war effort was stressed in London yesterday by Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada.

Canada's naval strength has eight times the personnel and ten times the number of ships she had at the beginning of the war, he pointed out, and will continue to increase at the same rate for the next 12 months.

The air-training scheme is well ahead of schedule and the number of officers and other ranks in training is over one-third the number anticipated.

Within a few months, production will be over 70 per cent greater than the peak of the last war.

Canada is providing aeroplane frames, 3.7-inch anti-aircraft guns, 25-pounders, anti-tank guns, 5-inch and 6-inch naval guns, machine-guns of many types, tanks, 400 army lorries a day, optical instruments, precision instruments and several millions of shells a month, said Mr. Massey.

## AMERICAN SUPPLIES TO SOVIET

The lifting of the moral embargo on the export of aeroplanes and air equipment to the Soviet Union is unlikely to affect the form of war supplies to Britain, according to well-informed quarters in Washington.

No orders Russia could place could be fulfilled before 1943, if then.

The lifting of the embargo is little more than a "fine gesture."

Apart from the moral embargo, there are also a number of restrictions on the shipment of materials necessary for defence needs and connected with the plans to make United States industry into an arsenal for Britain.

Asked at his press conference yesterday whether material shipped to Russia might reach Germany, Mr. Cordell Hull replied: "I think you will find that the usual interest of this government in that phase of the situation is being taken." — Reuter.

## BARBAROUS GERMAN TACTICS

Twelve attacks have been made on British airmen after they had baled out of their machines.

This was disclosed in the Commons yesterday when the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, was asked how many British airmen had been shot at by enemy aircraft after they had taken to their parachutes.

Sir Archibald replied there was firm evidence to show that at least 12 of these contemptible attacks had taken place, in four of which airmen may have been killed.

Asked whether, in view of the fact that such practice was repugnant to all airmen of whatever nationality, some representation might be made to the German or Italian Governments, Sir Archibald replied he was not hopeful of any representations. — Reuter.

## MOBILISATION OF THE GREEKS IN EGYPT

The Greek Government has ordered the mobilisation of Greek citizens throughout Egypt between the ages of 20 and 45, says a Cairo message.

The formation of an Army Corps named the "Hellenic Column in Egypt" will follow. — Reuter.

## DUTCH TO BUILD FOOD RESERVES

The Netherlands Government has made arrangements for the purchase and storage of food and materials for the ultimate benefit of the people of the Netherlands.

When the Netherlands Government was forced to leave the country in order to continue their functions on foreign soil, the Netherlands people were left with ample stored food and raw materials.

The Nazi exploitation of the Netherlands and its people, according to Dutch circles in London, soon reduced all available stocks to a minimum and serious hardship is now being experienced by the Dutch populace.

Queen Wilhelmina has just appointed the Netherlands commercial expert, Mr. Van Stolk, to whom has been assigned the task to contract all purchases for the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs.

A purchasing office will be opened in New York and goods will be purchased from the Netherlands East Indies, the British Empire and America, so that the Netherlands Government will have sufficient food and raw materials available to start a replenishment in the Netherlands at the first opportunity. — Reuter.

## STOCK EXCHANGE SLACK

Sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was cheered by the latest news in regard to Tobruk but the early promise of a resumption of activity failed to materialise. Gilt-edged occasionally strengthened but industrials and oils failed to show any definite trend. Among foreign bonds Brazilians were undecided while Far Easterns, especially Japanese, tended to go lower. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

## Not A Ship Or Gun Lost

"As already announced the big convoy which underwent repeated aerial attacks in the Sicilian Straits was destined for Greece," said the Athens newspaper "Eleftheron Vima" yesterday.

"It brought a large quantity of invaluable war material. No ship or gun was lost."

"The British sailors preferred to receive the attacks' full weight and undergo whatever necessary loss and damage rather than that a cargo for a small Allied country be reduced however slightly."

"The episode shows with what self-sacrificing spirit the British Fleet performs its appointed tasks. First duty is individual preservation, whether of ships or crews. That is the reason why the British Fleet is invincible." — Reuter.

## R.A.F. SUPPORT OF ARMY ATTACK ON TOBRUK

SUPPORTING THE ARMY attack R.A.F. bombers raided Tobruk on the night of Monday, states an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Bombs were dropped on anti-aircraft batteries two of which ceased firing, and on cross roads north-east of El Gubbi landing ground.

Violent explosions occurred among buildings.

British fighter patrols were very active throughout the day but no contact was made with the enemy.

In Albania, military objectives in Elbasan were raided on Tuesday. High explosive and incendiary bombs fell within the target area.

Military buildings and a railway line were hit and there was a violent explosion close to the railway.

Anti-aircraft opposition was encountered and enemy fighters were active.

### Massawa Raided

In Italian East Africa Massawa was raided on Monday night, the power station and a large factory being particular targets.

The railway station at Aishu was attacked on Monday, bombs straddling the track while a direct hit was registered on a large building.

Rhodesian Raiders Troop leaders were machine-gunned near Adad.

Several fires were started at Burye during a night raid on camps and forts.

Rhodesian aircraft machine-gunned enemy motor transport on the road between Keru and Bisha, causing considerable damage.

South African planes successfully raided Javello, and scored direct hits on enemy bombers.

All British aircraft returned safely from all operations. — Reuter.

## HAPPY VALLEY MYSTERY

The discovery of an unidentified Chinese about 30 years of age lying in a pool of blood was made yesterday afternoon in Happy Valley.

The man was found badly injured and died on the way to hospital. The police are investigating.



# RETREAT IN ERITREA

## Italians Take Refuge In The Highlands

### British Army Faces Delicate Task

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Abyssinian Frontier)

WITHDRAWAL OF THE Italians into the highlands of Eritrea has left the British to take the initiative of a 50-mile advance over ground which undoubtedly has been prepared with mines and booby traps.

After their defeat in the Western Desert, the Italians are taking no risks and at the last minute are hurriedly endeavouring to withdraw both material and troops in order to shorten their lines of communication.

This withdrawal has been dictated by the gathering of strong British forces along the Sudan-Abyssinian frontier coinciding with an open organised rebellion on the part of Ethiopian patriots.

The Italians realised they were unable to hold Kassala against an assault.

At the same time its capture by the British has had a heartening effect on the Ethiopian troops.

#### 60-Mile Convoy

British, Indian and Sudanese troops are assembled along a 1,200-mile front from the Red-Sea to the shores of Lake Rudolph, and South Africans have played an important role in providing war material for this Imperial Army.

One South African convoy alone, which on the march had a space of 20 yards between each vehicle, measured 60 miles.—Reuter.

#### Retreat Continuing

The Italian retreat into Eritrea is continuing, according to the latest reports received here.

No serious fighting has occurred, but British forces are in close pursuit and harrying the Italian rear troops.

The enemy is expected to offer resistance at Agordat, a railway some eighty miles from the frontier, where it is presumed they will occupy prepared positions.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIANS LEADING NEW ETHIOPIAN ARMY

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Abyssinian Forces in the Sudan)

THE FIRST CONTINGENT of regular troops in the new Abyssinian Army was formerly entrusted by Emperor Haile Selassie yesterday morning to the leadership of a young Australian officer.

Vultures were circling overhead when, accompanied by the Crown Prince, the Duke of Harrar, the Emperor arrived on the parade ground where the troops were drawn up, each platoon headed by an Australian sergeant.

After inspecting the khaki-clad warriors with their British rifles and equipment, the Emperor addressed them on the task entrusted to them under their Australian commander, exhorting them to drive the invader from their country.

It is understood the contingent will shortly commence a difficult

### TANGIER ISSUE PROGRESS

In answering his first question in the Commons since resuming the Foreign Secretaryship, Mr. Anthony Eden yesterday was able to announce "certain definite progress" in British negotiations with Spain over the recent administrative action in Tangier.

Mr. Eden recalled that discussions had been proceeding at Madrid with a view to concluding a provisional agreement concerning British rights and interests in the International Zone at Tangier pending a final settlement.

"Discussions are proceeding satisfactorily," said Mr. Eden, "and although consideration of all questions involved is not yet fully completed, sufficient progress has been made to justify the view that pending a final settlement, existing rights of British subjects in the Zone will be safeguarded."

Mr. Eden hoped to make a full statement shortly and added there were no Italian submarines now in Tangier.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S AID TO GREECE

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, was asked in Parliament yesterday if the British Government proposed officially informing the Greeks of Britain's admiration for their magnificent stand.

The cooperation of the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., replied Mr. Attlee, indicated British confidence and determination to help the Greeks to achieve the final victory.

In addition to providing the Greeks with the sinews of war and over and above £46,000 sent to Greece from the Lord Mayor's Fund, the British Government has decided to send over £55,000 for relief purposes, Mr. Attlee said.

### TURKEY GIVES RADIO WARNING TO GERMANY

A warning that "any Power wishing to strike against the immovable rock of Turkey," will find "the steel of Turkish arms" ready on the frontier, was given on the Ankara radio last night.

Commenting on rumours of troop movements in the Balkans, the announcer said that Turkey awaits and is fully prepared to defend her independence, with the bulk of her Army concentrated in the Straits.—Reuter.

### ALL U.S. DESTROYERS SAFE OVER

The fifty destroyers which were traded to Britain were now "on the other side," said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy Department, at a press conference yesterday.

He said there was one possible exception, namely, that of a destroyer which was damaged in a collision after being transferred, but, Colonel Knox added "Even this may be over there now."

Replying to questions, Colonel Knox denied that the British Government were now asking for American cruisers of the Wichita type.

"As a matter of fact, they are not asking for any more of our ships," he said.

In this connection, Colonel Knox was apparently referring to warships, for it is known that negotiations for purchase of merchant ships are proceeding.—Reuter.

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# BRITAIN'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE IN THE PACIFIC

H. D. LIEM, LONDON correspondent of the Central News Agency of China, delivered a graphic address at a China Campaign Committee luncheon yesterday on Japan's aims in the Pacific.

Mr. Liem showed how Japan's position in Indo-China, Hainan, the Bonins, Caroline and Marshall Islands disorganises the British line of defence between Singapore and Australia.

Japan, he said, is now planning to intervene in the undeclared war between Thailand and Indo-China with the object of getting possession of the whole of Indo-China and thence extending control to Thailand and especially the Kra Peninsula, of long the object of her desires.

It must also be remembered, he said, that the Philippines attain full independence by 1945. The Japanese have been working for many years to establish a controlling interest there.

## Ultimate Fate

While the ultimate fate of the Pacific depends on Britain emerging victorious over Germany, Mr. Liem urged that the Dutch East Indies and China constitute Britain's first line of defence in the Far East.

Everything possible should be done, he said, to help China. There were still some people in England who fancied the Sino-Japanese War could be settled by a compromise.

Such a peace would be only temporary. The Chinese were fighting for fundamental principles of right and justice on which they will never give in.—Reuter.

## BURMA RAILWAY PROBLEMS

Mr. H. W. Kerr (Cons) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether, in view of the possibility of the proposed Burma-Yunnan road for transport of Lancashire textiles into China after the war, the Secretary for India would suggest to the Burmese Government the desirability of preparing the section of this railway leading from the head of the present Burmese railway to the Chinese frontier.

Mr. L. S. Amery replied that the problems which the projected Burma-Yunnan railway present are receiving the urgent consideration of Government.

Engineering difficulties were very great and so was the question of supply, in present conditions, of the materials required.—Reuter.

## AN OFFICIAL GUARDIAN APPOINTED

British children evacuated to South Africa will in future be under the guardianship of the Minister of Social Welfare, according to a decree issued in Capetown yesterday.

An official guardian he will decide on medical treatment and places where they are required to stay.—Reuter.

## ENTIRE SUPPLY OF ORANGES BOUGHT

The Ministry of Food stated yesterday that all oranges produced in the British West Indies in the coming year will be bought by the British Government.—Reuter.

## WENDELL WILLKIE LEAVES

Mr. Wendell Willkie left New York yesterday in the Yankee Clipper on his way to London.

Before leaving at the airport, Mr. Willkie said: "I believe strongly that the survival of England is the best assurance for keeping America out of the war and I think we should support the fighting men of Britain so that they can stop the onslaught of Hitlerism."

"I have five men all over the world will join to stop totalitarianism."

A borrowed trench helmet was included in Mr. Willkie's luggage.—Reuter.

## SCOTTISH ARMS FACTORY EXPLOSION

An explosion occurred in an arms factory in Scotland yesterday resulting in four being injured.

Damage was slight and investigation of the incident is proceeding.—Reuter.

## BLUNT WARNING

A BLUNT WARNING FROM TURKEY THAT SHE IS NOT GOING TO BE "PUSHED AROUND" CAME FROM ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

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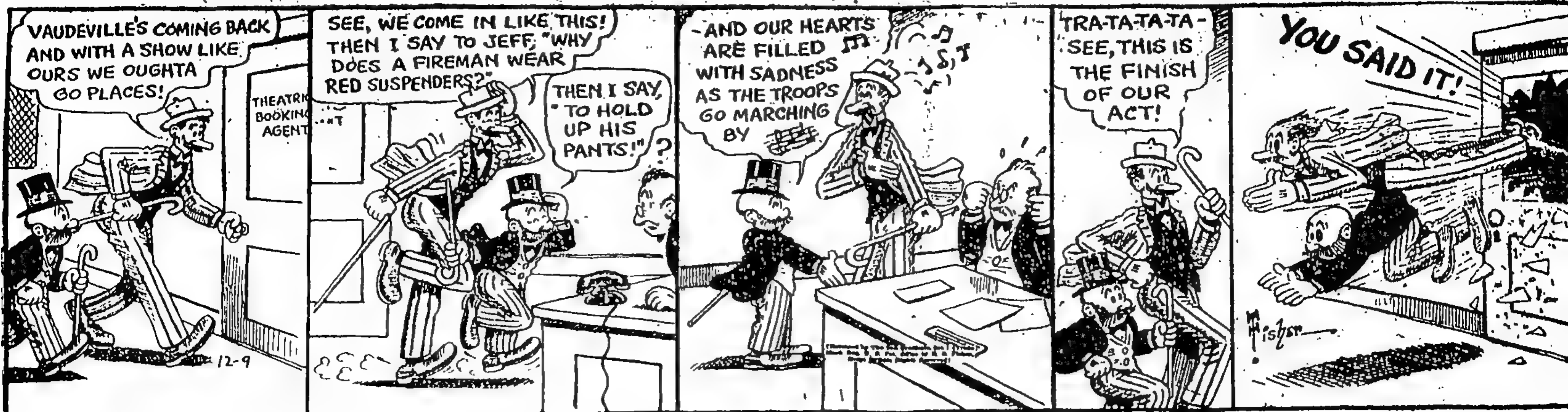
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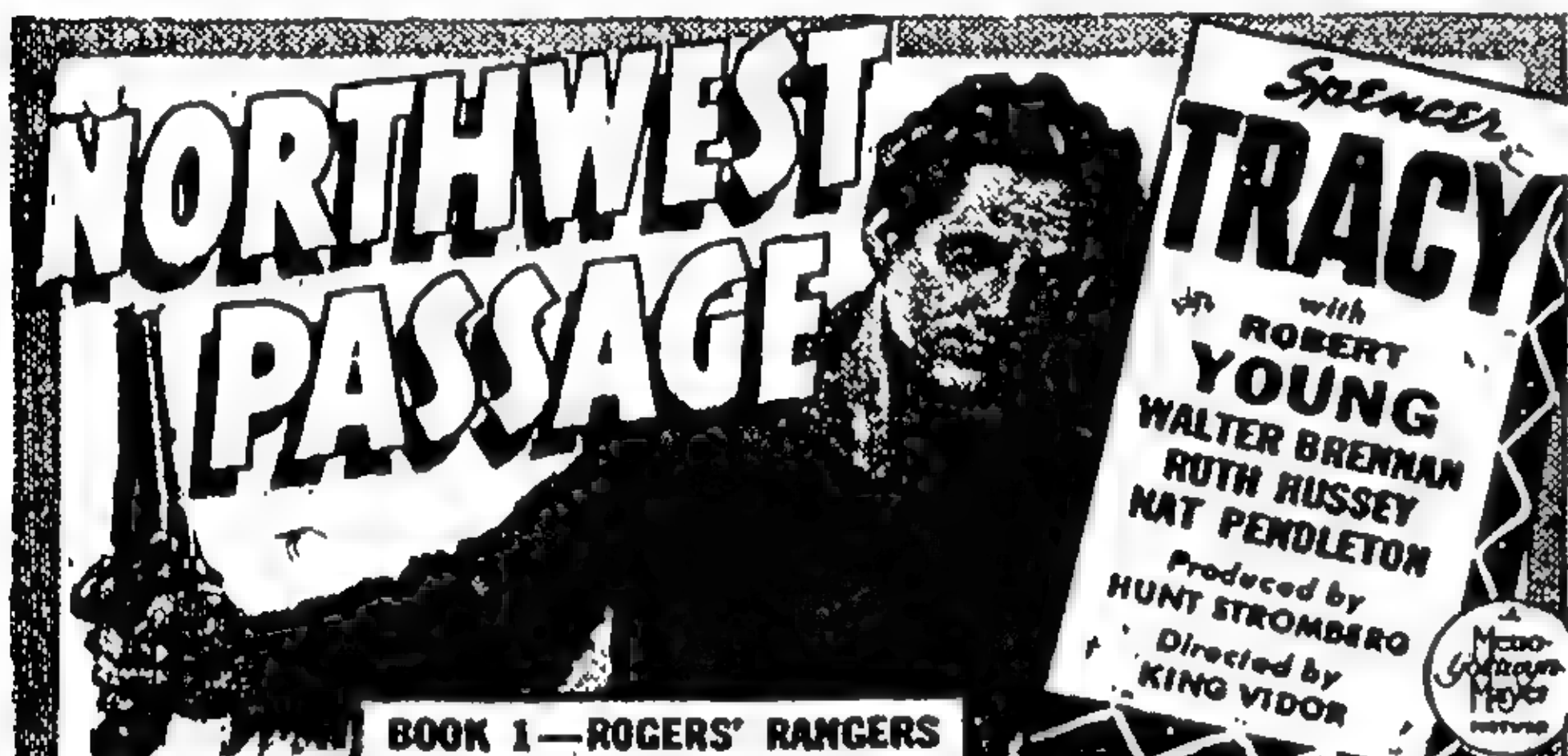
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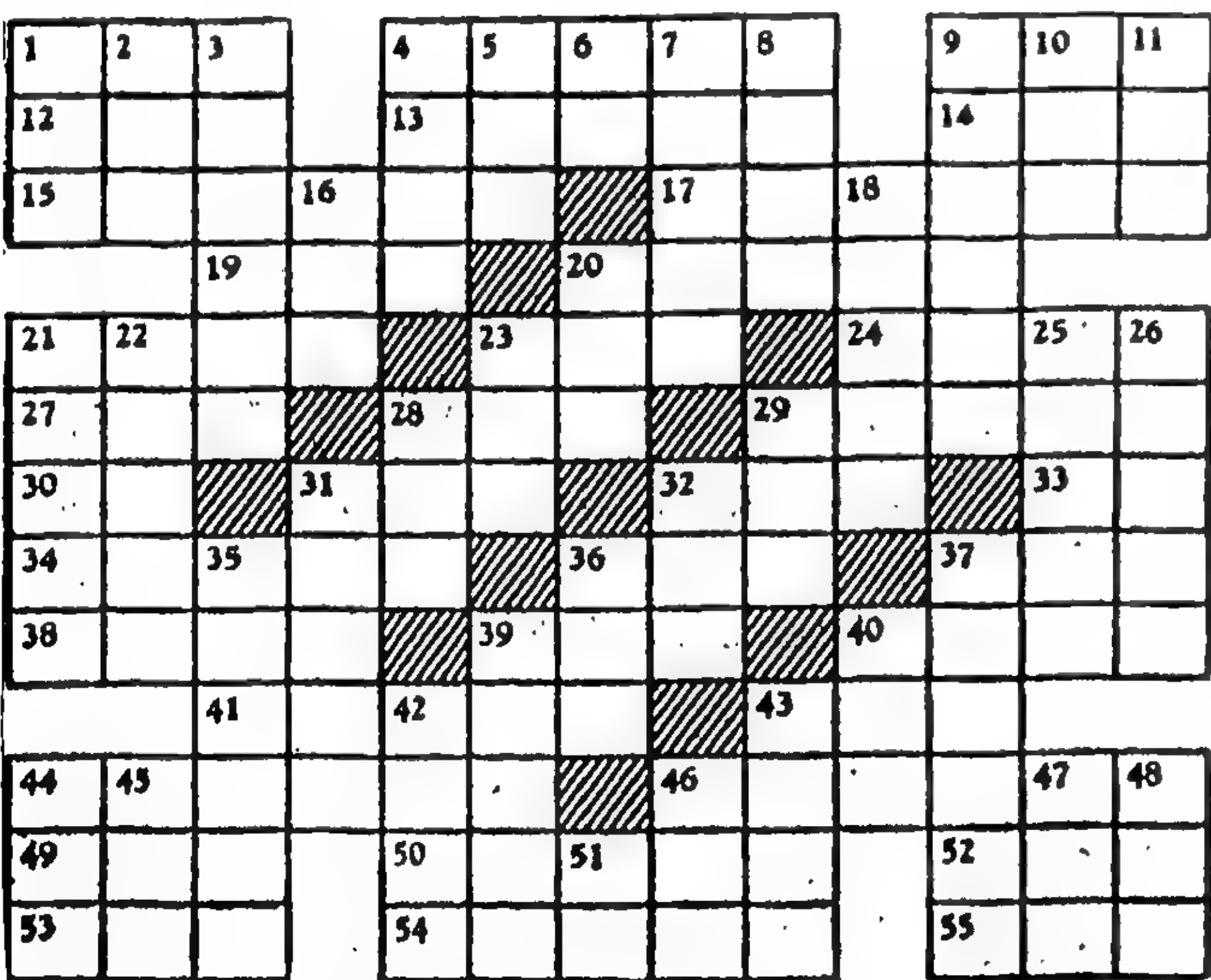
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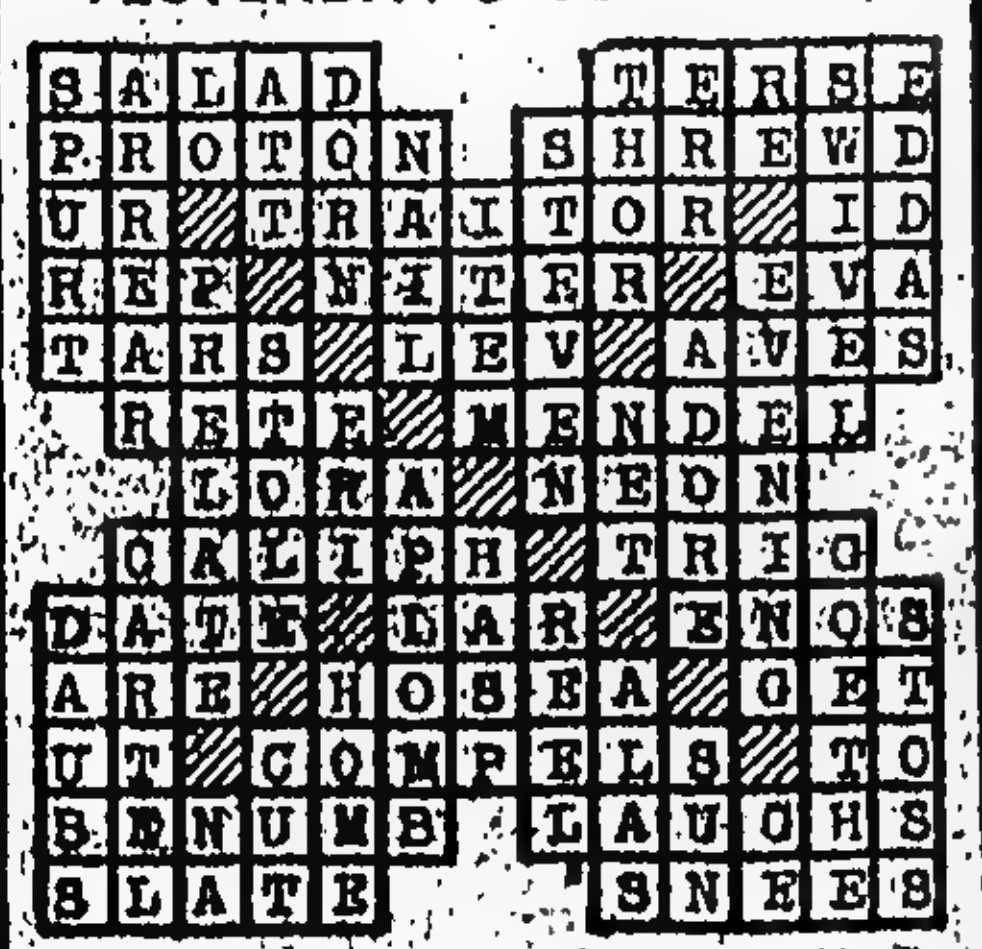
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Dance step
- 4 To play the bagpipe
- 9 Island
- 12 Ostrich-like bird
- 13 Web-like membranes
- 14 To weep
- 15 Chinese river-boat
- 17 East-Indian native
- 19 Playing
- 20 Tree of the oak family
- 21 Notice
- 23 Dried grass
- 24 Trick
- 27 To go astray
- 28 Becle
- 29 Factor
- 30 Behold!
- 31 To cut
- 32 To hurry
- 33 Cooled lava
- 34 Greek theatre
- 36 Preposition
- 37 Fruit seed
- 38 Movable shelter
- 39 To appeal for drying
- 40 Sound accompanying respiration

### VERTICAL

- 1 Foot-like part
- 2 Chalico
- 3 American Revolutionary general
- 4 To remain
- 5 Knowledge
- 6 Italian article
- 7 To hunter
- 8 To guide

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## ATTACK ON LEASE & LEND BILL

The Lease and Lend Bill was described as a measure "to authorise an undeclared war in the name of peace, and dictatorship in the name of defending Democracy," by Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday.

First formal indication of the attitude of the Republican minority towards the Bill in Congress was given by Senator McNary, Republican vice-presidential candidate in the recent presidential elections.

Senator McNary announced he opposed the Bill in its present form "because it grants extraordinary and total power to one person."

He emphasised, however, that he favoured all aid to Britain short of war. — Reuter.

## GERMANS FAIL IN NORWAY

German efforts to recruit an army of workers in Norway — 20,000 is the figure mentioned — have failed, according to information reaching London yesterday.

An official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare stated that the Germans had planned to transfer workers via Sweden.

Appeals made by the Quisling authorities had met with singularly little success and Norwegian trade union organisations had refused to cooperate in the enterprise.

The first 5,000 volunteers had been scheduled to leave for Germany in the middle of January but did not do so because of determined opposition by the workers. Oslo should have supplied 1,000 men but the Norwegian capital failed to provide even 200.

This failure to attract Norwegians to German employment has been brought about in the face of severe unemployment in Norway. — Reuter.

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# THE FALL OF TOBRUK WAS ANNOUNCED PREMATURELY

**THE FALL OF TOBRUK WAS ANNOUNCED PREMATURELY. AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GARRISON IS STILL FIGHTING AND A SECTION OF THE TOWN IS STILL IN THEIR HANDS.**

This is indicated by the official reports from Cairo and was also the subject of a statement by Mr. Fadden, the Federal Treasurer, last night. He stated that Mr. Spender, the Army Minister, who made the announcement, had spoken in good faith. Mr. Fadden said all were confident that Tobruk would fall soon.

The British attack by dusk on Tuesday had penetrated the defences of Tobruk to a depth of eight miles, and British forward troops had firmly established themselves in positions directly overlooking and within three miles of the town of Tobruk itself.

Yesterday, states an official communique from General Headquarters in Cairo, operations again developed satisfactorily.

## Kassala Sector

In the Kassala sector of the Sudan the British pursuit continues of Italian forces which have now withdrawn over 40 miles eastwards of the frontier.

West of Metemma the enemy is also steadily giving ground in the face of continued pressure.

Enemy detachments which had been established on the British side of the Kenya frontier since the outbreak of war are everywhere being driven back by intensive patrol activities.—Reuter.

## Troops In Streets Of Tobruk

Imperial troops are now in the actual streets of Tobruk, though fighting continues on the western section of the outer perimeter.

Tobruk contained at least one Italian division, with a small element of another division, as well as permanent garrison troops and heavy additional artillery.

With the mopping up of the Tobruk forces Marshal Graziani will have lost two-thirds of the total Italian forces which were in Libya when operations first started on December 9.

The forces eliminated comprise the equivalent of eight Black Shirts or metropolitan divisions and three Libyan divisions.—Reuter.

## Many Prisoners

A large number of prisoners has been taken in the operations, the termination of which will not, it is expected, be long delayed.

Only 16 days have elapsed since Bardia fell and although our troops have been in contact with the enemy the whole time, for over a week thick sandstorms have swept the desert as our troops massed for the attack.

The strength of the Italian lines was felt out night after night.

It was found that the outer defences were heavily protected by barbed wire and included tank-traps so deep that our patrols had to use ladders to get in and out of them.

As these have been pierced, it seemed clear last night that the Italians were not likely to put up serious resistance for any length of time.

## Strategic Importance

Discussing Tobruk's strategic importance, authoritative circles in London point out that, in the first place, it has a really good natural harbour, very important along a coast where there are few.

The value of a good harbour is clear when it is realised that our troops, when Tobruk falls, entirely into their hands, will have lines of communication that are over 200 miles from the rail-head at Mersa Matruh.

The harbour will also be useful for taking off Italian prisoners.

Tobruk is also important because it is on one main road and dominates another running parallel to it 15 miles inland.

The capture of Tobruk will also enable the R.A.F. to make use of Italian aerodromes beyond Tobruk which the Italians have already evacuated.

## UNUSUAL FOR JANUARY

The hills of Hong Kong reverberated this morning between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. to the rarity, for January, of a severe thunderstorm.

Almost torrential downpour accompanied the storm for about 30 minutes. The Royal Observatory registered .45 inches of rain.

The total rainfall since January 1 is 3.72 inches, against an average of .59 inches.

# MIDDLESEX MEN CONVICTED: HOTEL INCIDENT

A CASE IN WHICH two soldiers of the Middlesex Regiment, Richard Head, 25, and Ralph Aldridge, 24, were charged with obtaining credit, \$6.50, by fraud, and with maliciously damaging a wash basin, a door and a padlock, was concluded before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning. They were convicted of obtaining \$6.50 credit by fraud and of damaging the padlock.

At the request of Det.-Sgt. Matches, who stated that further information had just been supplied by military authorities, concerning possible further charges, not connected with the present case, the Magistrate remanded both for two days.

Accused requested the Magistrate to remand them in military custody, saying they had been given Chinese food in police custody. Mr. E. Himsforth remarked that there was no respecting of persons in gaol.

## Four Rums

It was alleged that last Saturday night (shortly after midnight), accused went to the Kowloon Hotel Bar with two other Europeans. First accused gave the order for four rums, two milks, one dozen sandwiches and four packages of cigarettes, amounting to \$6.50. When the bills were presented, first accused is alleged to have thrown them, throwing them on the floor.

Mr. F. F. Eca da Silva, manager of the Kowloon Hotel, was informed. He went up and asked for payment, but was told by second accused that they had no money. Mr. Silva notified the police, who arrived and arrested two accused.

The two Europeans who were with them at the table, had left the Hotel by the main door, but the two accused, before their arrest, went into the basement where, it was alleged, they damaged a basin, a door and the padlock.

After evidence by prosecution witnesses, the Magistrate dismissed the charges of maliciously damaging the wash basin and the door.

Captain H. Marsh appeared on behalf of the military authorities.

## JUNK MISTRESSES FINED

Six junk mistresses were each fined \$20 or 21 days' imprisonment by Commander J. Jolly, Acting Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning, for making fast with their boats the s.s.

# CHINESE DOCTOR FINED

A CHINESE DOCTOR, CHUNG YUEN-CHOR, OF NO. 41, DES VOLIEX ROAD CENTRAL, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K. C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH UNLAWFUL POISON IN HIS OFFICE.

Sub-Inspector F. Goodwin said he visited defendant's office at about 2.40 p.m. on January 17, and found a bottle of Novarsenobenzol Ephedrine tablets, Ampoule Ironocadylate Neo Mesarica (2 ampoules), Ephedrine Hydrochloride (2 ampoules). Defendant was registered in Canton.

A fine of \$200 was imposed.

# MEAN THIEF SENT TO PRISON

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning on Tsang Yee-hang, 18, charged with stealing a wrist watch from an 11-year-old student in Kowloon Tong.

The boy, who was leaving the play ground in Rutland Quadrant yesterday afternoon, was stopped and searched by accused, who took the watch from his pocket and ran away.

A cook boy who saw the incident, chased and arrested accused.

Wing Wah, while the ship was under way yesterday. Two other junkwomen and two junkmasters were fined each \$25 or 21 days' hard labour for the same offence. They had previous convictions.



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## ASSURANCES FROM HITLER

Hitler recently added another promise to the record. This time it was the disavowal of any desire for world conquest. In direct reply to President Roosevelt's accusation, the master of the Third Reich declared that to charge Germany with such intentions is to utter "a dumb and infamous lie." Germany, he insisted, wants only a just peace and her own place in the sun.

This was plainly an assurance intended to bring aid and comfort to the advocates of "appeasement" and the opponents of greater aid to Britain. But before they put too much faith in it they will do well to remember some of the earlier assurances which have also come from Adolf Hitler, and compare the pledge with the performance. To recall a few instances:

The pledge: "After the solution of the Saar question the German Government is willing and determined to accept in its innermost soul the Pact of Locarno." (Jan. 30, 1934.)

The performance: On March 1936, Germany remilitarised the Rhineland in violation of the Locarno treaty.

The pledge: "Germany has neither the wish nor the intention to mix in internal Austrian affairs, or to annex or unite with Austria." (May 21, 1935.)

The performance: On March 12, 1938, Germany annexed Austria.

The pledge: "I repeat here that if this problem (concerning the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia) is solved, there will be no further territorial problems in Europe for Germany. \* \* \* We do not want any Czechs." (Sept. 26, 1938.)

The performance: On March 14, 1939, Hitler's troops marched into what remained of Czechoslovakia and made it German spoils.

The pledge: "We are all determined, and also convinced, that our agreement (with Poland) will bring about lasting and continuous pacification. \* \* \* We are two peoples. They shall live." (Sept. 26, 1938.)

The performance: At 5.11 on the morning of Sept. 1, 1939, Hitler ordered German troops to attack Poland.

The pledge: "Germany has concluded non-aggression pacts with the Baltic states. Her interests there are exclusively of an economic character." (Oct. 6, 1939.)

The question, "In what age would you have preferred to live?" opens at once to the excitable imagination wide possibilities which cooler reflection shows to be not quite so wide. For if you choose another age than your own, and if you are to give a fair answer, you must assume that your social position will be the same as it is now. From certain points of view it might have been very entertaining to live in the reign of the Emperor Nero—on condition, however, that one should be the Emperor Nero, who seems to have enjoyed almost all the fourteen years of his reign. Talleyrand said that those who had not lived before 1789 had never known how pleasant life could be. But Talleyrand belonged to the social class which had all the fun in the eighteenth century. For innumerable people life was far pleasanter after 1789 than before.

So far as I am concerned I should be well content to be a great Whig nobleman at any time between, say 1760 and 1840 or later—for example, that Lord Durham who was known as "King Jog," because he was once heard to remark that he "supposed that a man might jog along on £30,000 a year." But here we have a transposition not only of period but also of wealth and social status. Assuming that, in some other period, I had precisely the same origins and talents as in this life, the chances would be much against my having the good time that I now enjoy.

This, to be sure, is not true of everyone. As it happens, I am writing this in the garden of a house built by a man who would have been most fervently grateful if he could have been translated, origins and talents and all, to another century—probably the thirteenth or the fourteenth. Nor, do I believe, would he have suffered any disappointment in the change. He would never have at-

The performance: Before dawn on April 9, 1940, German troops marched across Denmark's frontier and German warships attacked Norway.

The pledge: "The new Reich has endeavoured to continue the traditional friendship with Holland. \* \* \* Immediately after I had taken over the government I tried to establish friendly relations with Belgium. \* \* \* We have given guarantees for the states in the west." (Sept. 26, 1938, and Oct. 6, 1939.)

The performance: Before dawn on the morning of May 10, 1940, the German war machine rode into Belgium and the Netherlands.

The pledge: "We have guaranteed to all contiguous neighbours the inviolability of their territory so far as Germany is concerned. That is not a phrase—that is our sacred will. \* \* \* Alsace-Lorraine does not exist any more for us. \* \* \* We want nothing of France, absolutely nothing." (Sept. 26, 1938.)

The performance: On Nov. 30, 1940, the incorporation of Lorraine into the Reich was announced.

This is a little of the record of the man who now holds out encouragement to the apostles of appeasement and asserts that he has no thought of aggression in any part of the Western Hemisphere, and no dreams of world conquest.

tained in that age even the equivalent of the material comfort that he enjoyed in his own—the consideration given to a Royal Academician, American collectors anxious to buy his etchings, membership of a good club, and all the rest of it. He would have

By  
**Edward Shanks**

been, most likely, a monk or a simple craftsman. But he would have lived in a world where the craftsmanship which was all his life would have been the air that he breathed, and he would have been happier than this age was ever able to make him.

But it is not so with me. I happen to like the good things with which material civilisation provides us, and there have been few, if any, periods in the world's history when a reasonably successful author and journalist could hope to obtain as many of them as now. I make the confession because it is always as well to bring any prejudice of which one is conscious into the open, and this, it is obvious, would prejudice me pretty powerfully in favour of my own times. However, I do believe that there is a stronger and better case to be made for

considerably less destruction than the last. As for the first danger, I am obstinately of the opinion that you must first secure the material well-being of the common man (and of his family) before you can fairly expect him to give his full attention to spiritual values.

Now let me repeat and emphasise my confession that I very much relish many of the luxuries which modern science has brought within the reach of persons of no great wealth. I like avocado pears, as great an addition to our gastronomic resources as, in their time, were tomatoes. I like the refrigerator which keeps the butter cool and hard and the lettuce crisp. I like motor-cars, which enable me to see so much of my own country, and the telephone and the wireless and the gramophone.

But, were this all I had to say, I should simply be talking, especially in the year 1940, like a pinchbeck, middle-class Talleyrand. What I do mean is that on balance the world has become a better place for the common man and woman to live in than ever before. This assertion is based strictly on a comparative, even if we except from it those regions of the world where there has been a definite lowering of standards.

It is necessary to insist on this, because if I do not (and probably even though I have done), when I speak of the improved housing conditions of the people, well-

tion is an enormous leap forward in the progress of the human race, comparable only to what occurred when fire, the wheel and agriculture were invented. The business began with the Greeks, when, for example, Hero of Alexandria made a steam-engine—which was, by the way, a turbine, a way of using steam-power not used again until long after steam-power had become a commonplace.

There are still people who sneer at rapidity of movement. I cannot help liking it when it means that supplies can be taken quickly to the scene of a famine or help to the scene of earthquake, fire, or plague. I think that the first achievement at which mankind must aim is to keep all its members alive and well. It has already the machinery for doing this, and has mastered a good deal, if not all, of the method of using the machinery.

As for the obscuration of spiritual values, are they really so much obscured? You must not compare the saints of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries with the industrial magnates of the nineteenth and twentieth. You must compare them with the land-grabbing, tax-extorting princes, of their own time. With the industrial magnates of ours you must compare the selfless, undemanding workers of science, who have spent their lives in the effort, not merely to ameliorate, but to remove the causes of, human suffering.

Consider Pasteur, Ronald Ross, the Curies. Pasteur staked his reputation, and, with it, his modest livelihood, on a theory which ran counter to the orthodox opinion of his time. Ross found the key to malaria, celebrated it in



"GARN, TAIN'T CHRISTMAS AND YOU'RE NOT SANTA CLAUS."

my own choice.

At first sight, considering our present situation, it may seem rather eccentric to express a preference for this period. But, of course, I do not specifically choose 1940—rather the whole of the century so far as it has gone. And I maintain that what has been good in these years more than counterbalances what has been dreadful in them.

As a matter of fact, a great deal of our modern horror of war springs from the fact that so many of us have so much to lose. (And the seeds of the Nazi war-philosophy were planted and sprouted in the rank soil of Germany's unemployed millions, who were taught that they had nothing to lose.) We have more than our lives at stake; we have so many things that seem to us to make life worth living. This very horror, widespread and deep-seated in the common man and woman, is the measure of the superiority of our own age over its predecessors—at any rate in my eyes.

Let me not be misinterpreted as asserting the absurdity that we have attained to the Earthly Paradise. Apart from the countless millions who, in spite of all I have said, really have nothing to lose that is worth keeping, I am fully aware of two dangers to which our present degree of attainment exposes us. One is the obscuration of spiritual values by material progress. The other is that our advancing science may lead us into self-destruction by its application to weapons of war.

At the moment the second danger seems rather less menacing than it did a year ago. There is at least a possibility that the present war may be decided with

meaning individuals will spring forward to ask me whether I do not know what dreadful conditions still obtain in Doomington, Bruddersford, and a score or more of our industrial towns. I do know. I have seen them. I have been into the back-to-back houses and seen those streets where sixteen or so houses share a convenience ill-called sanitary. But having seen these things, I still believe that conditions are vastly better than they were when I was born, and that, barring catastrophe, they will be better yet.

What we call civilisation has now lasted, with certain recessions, for some six thousand years—at most, for two thousand years longer. It is a period ridiculously short when we compare it with the time-scale of the animal who was already, or was in the way to become, *Homo Sapiens* perhaps half a million years ago. But how short a time this is in which to expect us to have become perfect! How short a time for us to master the powers we have discovered!

At some unimaginable distance from our own age our ancestors discovered the uses of fire and the wheel, how to grow cereals under control, and how to use metals. Nothing can ever be proved about the way in which these things were done, but what evidence there is goes to support the fact that all these milestones were passed within a relatively short time—whether a thousand years or a hundred, I should not care to say. Upon this basis what we call civilisation was built—Egypt, the cities of Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, the Arabians, the medieval culture of Europe, and lastly what we now call modern civilisation.

What we call modern civilisation

a poem which is all the more impressive because it is only half-articulate, and had to sell his notes and manuscripts for the support of his declining years. The Curies worked in an ill-equipped shed where they were frozen in winter, and they lived all their lives under the shadow of poverty. Were they saints or were they not?

Unhealthy tracts of the world are being made healthy. Infertile tracts are being made fertile. We begin to know something, however little and apparently useless it may be, about the microcosm of the atom and the macrocosm of the universe. This second bound forward of humanity may bring us to a time when there will be no more famine and no more disease and man can get on with the job of being man.

For my part I count it as a great adventure to live, even only as a spectator, in such times as these. There has been nothing like it for thousands of years. Possibly nothing like it may ever occur again in the whole history of man. Admittedly there is a chance that the whole thing may go smash before it is stabilised. But, even so, it is a great adventure, which we can the better further by recognising how great it is. If I were obliged to choose some period other than my own, I should choose the future of two or three hundred years hence, so that I might see how the adventure turns out. But, choosing without compulsion, I choose this day and this hour. I may perhaps add that what was begun in a Cotswold garden has been finished in a London house and that I can hear a German aeroplane overhead as I write. But that does not alter my opinion.



# STRAYS IN AN ENGLISH SHELTER

(By Henry Trench)

THERE WAS no warning whistle when the bombs exploded; they tore the air like calico in our direction. The noise in the small basement-shelter was not so loud as one had expected, but the fourth bomb wiped away the house next door.

There wasn't time to be afraid; only the silence afterwards was a little shocking, and the smell of hot metal. Then the wardens came and drove us out to find refuge in a strange shelter. It was our turn to be strays.

Strays have always interested us — uneasily — as their feet clattered on the area stairs and the curtain billowed. Just so, I suppose, do rabbits look up from their lettuce at the sound of an intruder in the burrow. Will it be a buck or doe? aggressive or apologetic? for in our small shelter — which was comfortable but not reassuring with a beaverboard wall — there was only room for the regular population which came there every night. After a month of aerial war we had coalesced like a platoon; that was why we seemed to present a rather surly front to newcomers until they had proved friendly. Far more, I think, than bunks and free earplugs does this solidarity help to make life underground bearable — almost pleasant. A routine grows naturally like a plant; in the first week tea was always made after a particularly close explosion; later the close explosions didn't matter much, so we had tea and biscuits at 9 (everyone paid a penny and took it in turns to supply tea and sugar); lights were shaded at 10, and snorers ceased to rouse angry feelings — toleration developed. Most wonderful of all a Pole learnt to make strong English tea.

## Even Germans

For ours was a cosmopolitan world. It was as if burrowing below ground, one evaded national boundaries. Three Germans had ended a long pilgrimage there; a mother and two children. The father had been an officer in the German army; he resigned when Hitler came into power, and they fled to Austria, and then to Amsterdam; the father had ended his journey in Australia. Vienna, Prague and Warsaw, Amsterdam, our burrow; these were familiar stations to others too. There was an Austrian, three Czechs and a Pole; the English were only a bare majority. Mattresses and deckchairs left little room for chance comers, and they usually went on to a larger burrow ten yards up the street: a raffish place — where — we heard it rumoured — the police were sometimes called in to deal with drunks and gamblers. We never expected to find ourselves there, in those bleak halls, smelling of old sandbags, strays ourselves.

That night the raid started punctually to time, and everybody was happy (perhaps it was the tranquillity Peter Rabbit felt when he knew exactly where his enemy Mr. Macgregor lurked at the moment.)

A Czech lady carried round a bag of sweets, and self-revealing conversations started up all over the shelter.

Thick with personal dramas and philosophies the atmosphere was usually a cross between Grand Hotel and The Cheery Orchard, but more Baum perhaps than Tchekov, for the plot was a violent one.

## "Bomb Will Fall"

Between the thuds of the barrage a young man explained to a girl the secret of contentment (he made it sound very easy); the Pole tried to improve his English; two women discussed babies, and a Czech told fortunes, roughly in a teacup. "A bomb will fall," he said, and everyone laughed.

Soon, as the noise of the barrage lifted, and the enemy engines began to probe towards the time for the strays arrived—who had to meet the silent criticism of the platoon. Some used to resent it, and disappear during a lull towards the raffish shelter, dropping disparaging remarks, ineffective among the bombs, others ignored

it and moved on a little later carrying their personal histories with them like unopened letters: a few stayed.

Among the strays, too the Baum and Tchekov elements predominated, there was, for example, the night of burglaries in the street above—which was unmistakably Baum. Three men came briskly down the steps at two in the morning, separated, and made for unoccupied chairs, then pulled other people's blankets up to their chins. They had tight suits and ugly ears, and looked shaved for action; once a policeman gazed in, and the cautious eyes watched him from the half-dark. They came once more . . . and there was a burglary that night too.

## "Really Interesting"

One had a racking cough; he looked accustomed to cement floors and the heavy breathing of neighbours. Sometimes soldiers sat shyly out on the area steps with girls, and once—that was a Tchekov touch—an old philosopher with a white beard spent the night. He was a birdlover, and he had a little birdlime on his hat. It was a noisy night; when he left he said it had been an interesting experience—"really interesting." He thought he would go into the country all the same, and sleep on a barn floor (if one had to sleep on floors one might as well sleep in a barn); there, he said, one could have peaceful thoughts. He handed round before he left picture postcards of himself with sparrows nibbling the food from his lips, and repeated that it had all been very interesting.

I like to think it was a tribute to our shelter, and now that we are strays ourselves, among the vagrant population, moving restlessly up and down, I am glad to remember we welcomed at least one stray. Conscience pricks one for all the unwelcomed who tried—some with feigned indignation or nervous fantasies—to make a contact; irritation was better than indifference.

## Mouse Scare

There was a large woman in dusty furs who woke us at two in the morning, in the heart of the heaviest raid, to seek protection from an imaginary mouse—"there it is, there it is"—but it was only a piece of grey fluff shifting in the draught of explosions; and there was the old drunk man who was scandalised at the sight of husbands and wives sharing mattresses. "I'm a rate-payer," he kept repeating, propped against the wall. "If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes," he said shutting them firmly, "I wouldn't have believed. Disgusting, it's disgusting." Scratching his eyes tighter, he toppled sideways.

Well, one can understand loneliness now. Sometimes one salutes at a distance another member of the old platoon, but we are individuals; the solidarity is gone and for the first time we are all aware of insecurity.

## HAD BEER—NOW THEY'VE GOT TIGHT

When Police-Constable Tight was sworn in as a member of the Glamorganshire Police Force at Whitchurch the county set up a record for the cheeriest police quartet in Britain.

In the Whitchurch force there are now constables named Merry, Bright, Beer, and Tight.

## NAZIS KILL MAN FROM GESTAPO

When a German bomber was shot down in the sea three Nazi airmen were seen to take to their rubber boat.

While a British rescue party were going to their aid, they suddenly saw two of the Nazis leaning over the boat pushing something under the water and hitting it.

When the party arrived they saw only two Nazis. They asked where the other one was.

"Oh," replied one of the Nazis, who could speak some English, "we drowned him. He was a Gestapo. He has been with us on every flight for over three weeks with his revolvers sticking in our backs. We decided to kill him, and we have done so."

This story is told in his parish magazine by the Rev. E. L. Maccassey, Vicar of Mapledurham, Oxon, who says that his facts have been passed by the Censor.

## "Notable" Capture

The vicar also stated that a notable Nazi airman, son of one of Hitler's most eminent advisers, was captured in Britain recently.

"He is thirty-two," the vicar adds, "and he is a son of one of Hitler's eminent advisers in the gentle art of murder from the air. He was his father's right hand man in designing Nazi aircraft."

This murderer in our hands may yet be worth quite a number in the bomber.

"This young man evidently realises that Hitler cannot win, for on being captured, he ripped off his special Nazi decoration and said, 'I shall not want this ever again.'"

(At the Air Ministry and the War Office it was stated they had no knowledge of the capture of any Nazi airman fitting the description given in the magazine.)

## U.S. TO BUILD 200 NEW SHIPS

An emergency appropriation of U.S.\$313,000,000 for the building of two hundred new cargo ships in order to meet the threat of a world shipping shortage was recommended to-day by the House Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This followed the statement by Rear-Admiral Land, Chairman of the Committee, to the effect that the sinking of merchantmen by German submarines and planes was the principal reason for the new programme.

The money will be handled by the Maritime Commission which has already begun the preliminary work on the programme. The new cargo ships will be simplified with a uniform design.

Rear-Admiral Land estimated that the first ships will be ready eleven months after the contract has been placed and the total programme will be finished in two years' time.—Reuter.



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# Suffocation By False Teeth: Murder Trial Opens

A SET OF FALSE upper teeth was one of the several exhibits produced before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the course of a murder trial.

From the Crown's point of view, the false teeth were an important piece of evidence — in fact, it was alleged, they caused the suffocation of an amah, Tsoi Kuen, for whose death three men, Lui Shek, Tam Wang-kit and Chan Fei, were charged with murder.

First accused was represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara (instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva); second, by Mr. George She (instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada); and third by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. Kan Yuet-keong).

The jury empanelled was composed of Messrs. E. C. Xavier (Foreman), E. Humphrey, Luk Man-lok, Ho Shau-tok, W. Hu Ching-kong, L. Mercado and Chan Kam-shing.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, alleged that first and second accused committed the crime, third accused being present and therefore was aiding and abetting first and second accused.

The deceased amah was employed by a Mr. Chan Sheung-nam on the first floor of No. 60, Argyle Street, where he conducted a small school.

November 24, last year, being a Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Chan and their family went to Church. This was their habit and was known to one of the accused.

## Amah Found Dead

The family left the house at 11.30 a.m. and at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. Chan returned and found the front door open. In the rear cubicle she found the amah on a bed, face downwards. She was dead. The cubicle was in disorder and some clothing and money were missing. The amah's hands and ankles were tied and she was gagged.

The police found that the woman had been suffocated by her false teeth which had forced the tongue backwards into the mouth.

Mr. Murphy added that the Crown alleged that third accused was a relative of Mr. Chan and had at one time stayed in the flat. He knew the general routine of the family and of their habit of going to Church every Sunday, leaving an amah behind to do the housework.

Accused all lived in a hut on the roof of No. 226, Temple Street and they gained entrance to the flat by pretending to have a parcel containing a gift for Mr. Chan.

## Prepared For Violence

The Crown's case, declared Mr. Murphy, was that accused went to the flat prepared to use violence.

"First and second accused did, in fact, use violence which caused the death of the deceased, while third accused waited outside to prevent first and second accused from being surprised and to assist in the escape.

"Third accused knew that first and second accused would use violence," alleged the Assistant Crown Solicitor.

The wire and cord, which were not in the flat previously, clearly showed that it was the intention to use violence, and it was in evidence that all three accused admitted going there to rob. Some of the stolen articles were recovered from various pawnshops.

In statements made when charged and also at the Magistrate's court, accused incriminated one another.

## Doctor's Evidence

In evidence this morning, Dr. Tai said that the upper false teeth forced the tongue backwards obstructing the respiratory passage and caused suffocation.

In reply to Mr. Macnamara and Mr. George She, Dr. Tai said that suffocation would not have resulted had deceased had a natural set of upper teeth.

The case is continuing this afternoon.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory report that an anticyclone is developing over North China and Manchuria, and pressure is relatively low over South China and Formosa. The depression is situated about 100 miles south of Tokyo, probably moving north-eastward.

## CHUNGKING BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Over 20 Japanese aircraft visited Chungking yesterday, dropping bombs on the industrial area.

Rescue work went on late into the night. Details of damage and casualties are not yet available.

Kunming was also bombed, high explosives and incendiary bombs falling in the south part of the city.

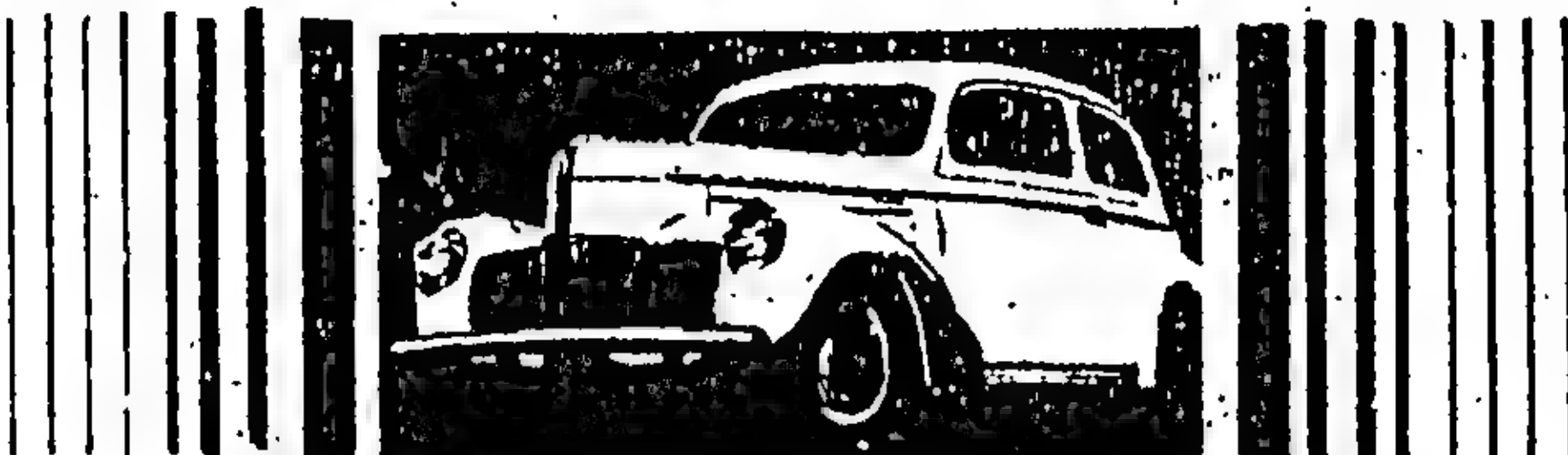
Thirteen buildings were burned out but the casualties only numbered about 15.—Our Own Correspondent.

## ASSASSINATION IN SOOCHOW

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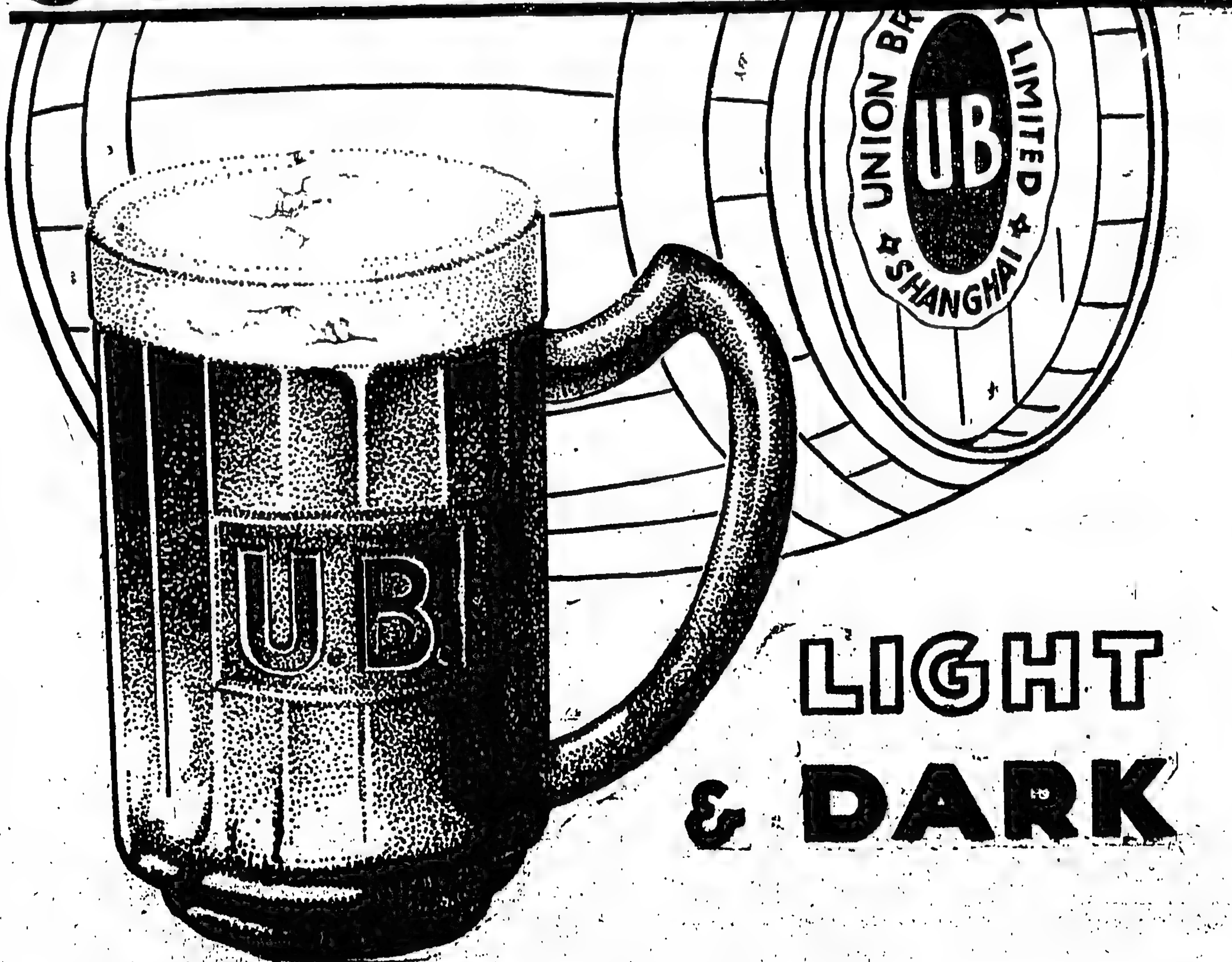
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Hong Kong, 22nd January, 1941.

## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Alien Enemies (Winding Up) Ordinance 1914 and  
In the Matter of:  
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Notice is hereby given that it is intended to pay a first and final dividend in the above liquidation, and creditors, who have not already done so, are requested to lodge detailed statements of their claims with the undersigned not later than 15th February, 1941, failing which they will be excluded from the distribution.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Liquidators.

Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1941.

# HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be HELD at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 14th February, 1941, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 27

### By The Four Aces

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Neither side vulnerable

♠ A Q 5  
♥ K 6 4  
♦ K Q J 10 6  
♣ A 6

♠ 6  
♥ Q J 8 5  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 9 8 6

♠ K 7  
♥ A 10 9  
♦ 7 2  
♣ A 8 5

♠ J 10 9 8 4 3 2  
♥ 8  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ 7 3

### The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦		1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the Queen of hearts, holding the trick. He continued the suit, and South ruffed.

Declarer then led a low trump to dummy's Ace and returned a diamond. East took the Ace of diamonds and returned the King of clubs, whereupon dummy took the club Ace and ran the diamonds. East could ruff the fourth diamond if he liked, but South was able to discard his losing club at the same time. South therefore lost only a spade, a heart, and a diamond—fulfilling his contract.

Perhaps you didn't notice it, but a dastardly deed has been done. Look for the crime and the criminal before you read the next paragraph.

West was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the second trick! West should have realised that shift to clubs was vital. The solidity of dummy's diamonds made it imperative to get up tricks in the side suits so that they could be taken "on the run." There was no need to worry about further heart tricks since if South had another heart, East could cash the heart Ace whenever he chose. But there was need to worry about the clubs since no club trick could be won by the defence until after dummy's Ace had been "knocked out." A shift to clubs by West at the second trick would have made it possible for the defence to defeat the contract by taking a trick in each suit.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3  
♥ 8 6 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ A J 2

### The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	Yon	Schenker
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(7)	

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Your partner's rebid indicates a hand with not a great deal more than opening-bid strength; so you cannot safely bid game. Three spades should be fairly safe if your partner has only a minimum opening bid, and you thereby give him a chance to bid game if he has slight excess values.

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### Question No. 621

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 9 7 3 2  
♥ K 4  
♦ K 4  
♣ A 10 2

### The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	Yon	Schenker
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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# WORK THE BEST ANTIDOTE TO BOMB SHOCK

(By A Special Correspondent)

I HAVE HAD the opportunity during the past week or two of discussing with service and civil doctors all over the south and east military area — for months now the front line in the present war — the incidence of shell-shock, or war neurosis, as it is now termed, among the troops and the civilian population.

So far these cases, so numerous in the last war, have been extremely rare. In one of the principal casualty hospitals I was told by the doctor in charge that since the beginning of the war only two had come to his notice.

This is in spite of the fact that the hospital was filled to over-flowing with soldier casualties at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, and that it has dealt with or obtained information of every single casualty which has occurred in air-raids and shelling in this very wide area since the beginning of the war.

## Comparison With 1914

Many medical men, while refusing to commit themselves to positive conclusions at this stage, are inclined to explain the scarcity of these cases as follows:

In France and Flanders during the last war troops who were subjected to prolonged bombardment as they stood or sat in the trenches had almost nothing to occupy either their muscles or their minds. During the present war the armed forces and the civilians on the south-east front are all hard at work.

In other words, the best antidote to war neurosis is work. A person who is wholly occupied in mind and body is far less likely to be subject to the nervous reactions which produce "shell shock" than the person who is idle during an air raid or a bombardment.

The company of others, in the opinion of the "front line" medical men, is another important factor in resisting war neurosis. One of them told me he had analysed his own feelings when alone under aerial bombardment or shelling. "When shells or bombs are falling," he told me, "I find I am never anxious if I am in the company of others. It is when I happen to be reading or writing alone in a room and a 'Blitz' begins that I feel symptoms of

'wind up,' and I have no doubt that people in general react in the same way."

Another factor in accounting for the low incidence of "shell shock" among the civilian population may be seen in the fact that recent wars in China, Abyssinia, Spain and Poland have prepared them for the shock of modern war.

# BEAT DEATH BY 20 MINUTES

A young soldier beat death by twenty minutes and escaped injury when he volunteered to climb into a wrecked building in a south-west town and unscrew the detonator of a delayed-action bomb.

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The bomb dropped near a famous church, partly demolishing a warehouse.

People were evacuated from the district, but later were allowed to return, as it was thought the bomb was a dud.

Experts who examined it, however, decided that it was one of the biggest bombs so far dropped in the area, and of a delayed-action type.

The people were hurriedly evacuated again until the bomb had been made harmless, saving the church and almshouses.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Dry Skin In Cold Weather

We are told that the condition commonly known as "dry skin" is caused by the failure of tiny moisture and oil glands which are in the second layer of skin to function normally. This in turn is caused by one's failure to supply the bloodstream with food necessary to create the protoplasm required to renew the skin.

But, fortunately for us, the skin has a power of renewal if it is given sufficient nourishment and the proper external treatment to stimulate, cleanse and soften it. Its normal elasticity and texture may be restored if you resolved to give it the care it requires.

The most important step in a dry skin treatment is the stimulation. You must wake up those lazy, inactive pores through exercise of the body and with external massage. With a quickened flow of blood to your face your skin will take on new beauty.

### What To Do

To keep face skin nicely lubricated we begin with the scalp. Your hair must be brushed daily and if your scalp is dry too, which is usually the case if your face skin is dry, you must keep it lubricated by using a pomade or tonic several times a week. If you want to prove to yourself the truth of this, feel your skin when your scalp is thoroughly anointed with olive oil before a shampoo. Your skin feels like velvet even though you didn't put a speck of oil on your face! Why! Well, oil travels rapidly down the minute crevices of the skin surface. So you see if you could keep your scalp naturally lubricated your face skin would not be so dry because any excess oil would flow down the face.

When you cleanse your face do not handle it too gently. Give it a good brisk massage. Remove the first cream application with tissue and then put on a richer cream. Massage that well into the skin and slap your face briskly every once in a while. This second application of cream may be removed with cotton moistened in a skin tonic or stimulant, or

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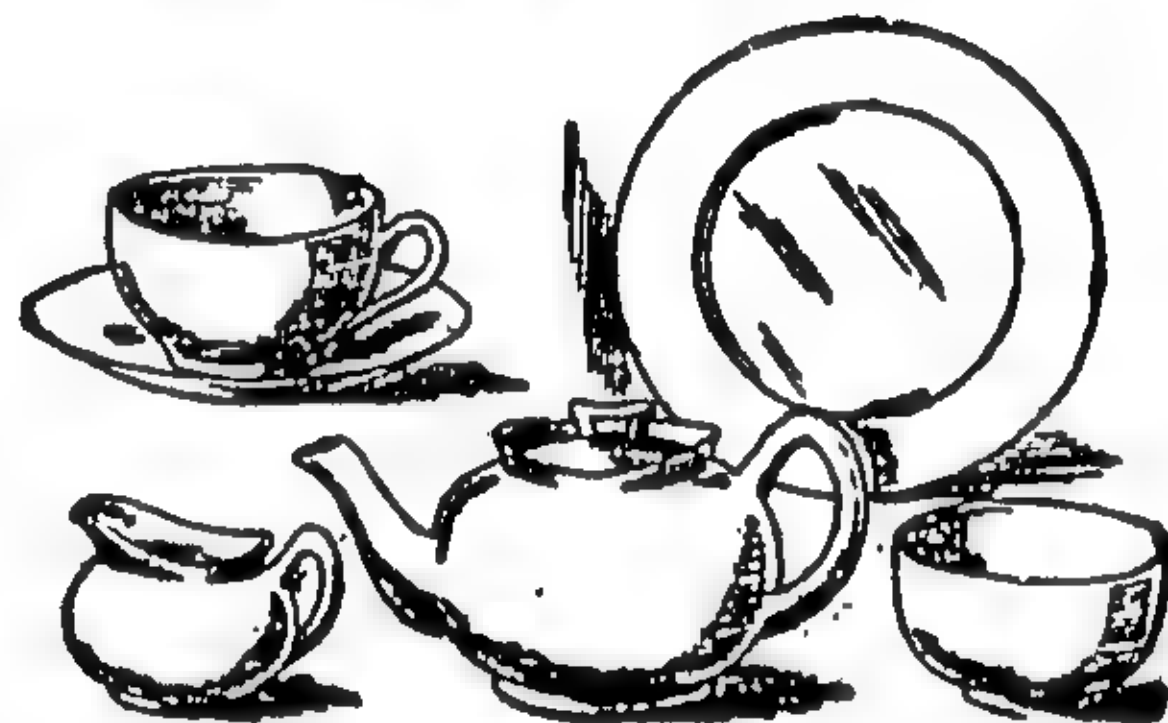
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# THE CHINA MAIL, JANUARY 23, 1941 ONE MAN HELD UP WAVE OF FIRE, SAVED COMRADES

MORE THAN 100 Bristol auxiliary firemen have played the principal part in fighting one of the biggest fires this country has ever known.

Many of the men had never seen a real fire, yet they tackled the blaze as though it were a parade ground drill.

That so many of them have escaped with their lives is due partly to the heroism of one man, who alone kept back a raging fire which threatened to devour his colleagues.

Sergeant W. V. Philpott, of Bristol, who was in charge of the whole fire-fighting force, told a reporter: "We were just beginning to control the fire when suddenly the water failed us."

"There was just enough water remaining for one branch hose and the man who was handling it stood alone as his mates ran for their lives."

"Somehow, with his one hose, he kept back the fire which was bearing down on him until we could bring up more water."

"If it had not been for him, the other men might not have got away."

Altogether five firemen were killed, two seriously injured and thirty slightly injured, while several men suffered shock and burns.

"The heat was terrific and the smoke was so thick that it overcast everything with a cloud, turning it into night," said Sergeant Philpott.

Nothing could conquer the spirit of the men, who sang and joked as they worked. Sir Geoffrey Peto, Regional Commissioner for the South-West, told the men when they returned to Bristol: "I think Hitler ought to know the extraordinary spirit you have shown."

# COULDN'T FLY—SAVED 'PLANE

Although his flying experience was practically nil, a twenty-two-year-old navigator took the place of his dead pilot and flew a bomber 250 miles back to the base.

He said he found it easy until the time came to land, when, in his own words, "he began to sweat." But that didn't prevent him from making a really perfect landing.

He is Ian Blair, of St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, who has been awarded the D.F.M., it is revealed in Cairo.

The bomber in which Blair was navigator, was attacked by two Italian fighters. A bullet went through the glass panel, killing the pilot and going out on the other side.

Blair saw the pilot's head go forward and the bomber started to dive.

Blair rushed to the control column and, helped by the air gunner, removed the pilot's harness

# NURSE LOWERED TO MERCY TASK

Amid falling bombs and shrapnel, a hospital nurse—clad only in a coat and pyjamas—was twice lowered head first by police into a gap in wreckage to give morphia injections to women patients. The women were trapped when a high explosive bomb demolished part of a hospital in Kent.

Doctors, nurses, police and A.R.P. squads rushed to the scene after the bomb had dropped to find that part of the building had collapsed.

Sister Gantry was lowered into the wreckage, where she crawled in and out with a bowl containing hypodermic syringes, giving the trapped women injections to ease their pain.

She continued her work of mercy until daylight, and though later advised to take some sleep, she returned to her normal duty in the maternity ward.

Several patients were killed in the raid. A number of patients were also seriously injured, and they were removed to other hospitals.

"It was nothing—just my job," Sister Gantry said.

"Everyone else did as much. What else could they do?"

There were tears in her eyes. "I must go and see one of my nurses," she said. "They tell me she has just died."

The dead nurse was Miss Molly Moore. She was a patient herself at the time the ward was bombed.

Trapped beneath her bed and fallen masonry for seven hours, she comforted her fellow sufferers all the time.

"She died serving her profession," said Sister Gantry.

The other nurse to be killed was Miss Violet Sinclair. She was tending patients when the bomb dropped.

and safety belt and lifted him from his seat.

Then the air gunner went back to watch for Italian fighters and Blair set out for his base.

# RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky, — Overture "Romeo and Juliet".  
12.52 p.m.—Two Songs by Oscar Natzke (Bass).  
1.03 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.  
1.55 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
6.32 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Up and Over" No. 3.  
8.03 p.m.—Billy Thorburn at the Piano.  
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.  
8.30 p.m.—Variety.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.  
9.30 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 43, Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) with Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.  
9.55 p.m.—A Programme of Spanish Music.  
10.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.  
10.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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# WHILE THEY PRAYED

It was Sunday morning. The warm sun streamed through the copper-tinted trees in London's sleepy squares.

There were no bells to beckon the people to prayer, but men and women strolled, Prayer Book in hand, over the leafy carpets.

Inside one church, in a quiet side street near a square—which the day before had hummed with cars, taxis and the wheels of work—the black-gowned vergers softly prepared for Holy Communion.

A few men and women knelt in prayer. They gave thanks to God for their deliverance from the murderer who had shattered their world; they prayed for an early overthrow of terrorism; they prayed for the return of their serving sons and evacuated daughters.

Through the vestry walked the priest, his surplice gleaming white against his sombre cassock. He carried the chalice and plate.

## Drone Of 'Planes

The service began. Quietly they repeated the priest's prayers.

Suddenly the stillness of the church was pierced by the "Alert" signal wailing from the siren of a police station nearby.

The service went on.

Soon came the drone of German planes—the sound of hell stealing furtively through the heavens.

Reverently the worshippers said the Lord's Prayer, "deliver us from evil."

Then, violently, the scream of a falling bomb drowned their words.

A rending crash above their heads. Showers of bricks, twisted rafters, jagged lumps of concrete, splinters of stained glass rained down.

In the dense cloud of powdered mortar, the priest still stood; his face, surplice and cassock caked grey with dust.

As he called words of comfort to his congregation rescuers rushed into the church.

## "A Miracle"

The bomb had made a direct hit on the roof, tons of masonry and wreckage had fallen.

Yet the worshippers were all alive. Only one woman, the priest's wife, lay badly hurt—in the choir stalls near the altar on which God's symbol stood untouched.

Other members of the congregation were heaped into the street, shrouded in dust but barely more than bruised.

"We can only thank God for sparing our lives," said one. "It is nothing less than a miracle that we were not all killed."

And in another church, a couple of minutes' walk away, the congregation were singing a hymn.

The sun was shining. It was Sunday morning.

## WOUND-UP

When a petition for the compulsory winding-up of a company came before Mr. Justice Bennett in the Chancery Division, counsel said that, since the matter was last before the Court, the company's premises had "disappeared," and he could not resist the order being made.

# FLYING-BOAT PICKS UP 21 SURVIVORS

A SUNDERLAND flying-boat with a crew from a Royal Australian Air Force squadron, was on patrol in the Atlantic recently when a glimmer of light was sighted about 10 miles away.

"I flew around waiting for daylight, hoping it would be possible to make a landing. We flew over to investigate and found a lifeboat," said the aircraft pilot, quoted by the Air Ministry News Service.

"Its occupants had heard the round of our engines and flashed a lamp to attract our attention. After an hour there was enough light and we came down on the water without difficulty. We took 21 men on board and took off again very easily, despite the extra load."

## Those Left Behind

As the Sunderland flew back to its base the men enjoyed breakfast on board. They were survivors of a torpedoed ship.

The boat was found nearly 200 miles from land and the men had been in her for three and a half days.

They had little food or water in that time and thought the breakfast served to them by the Australians was the best meal they had ever had.

Cigarettes which the 11 members of the flying-boat crew handed round afterwards completed their contentment.

The survivors were landed at a West Coast port. Twenty-five of the crew are missing.

The youngest seaman in the ship's crew said: "It was almost worth being torpedoed to get that air trip. It was fine and gave me a thrill."

"The crew of that Sunderland were a grand bunch."

# HOME SOCCER

Following are Home football fixtures for Saturday:—

(London Cup)  
Chelsea v Brentford; Crystal Palace v Fulham; Queen's Park Rangers v Aldershot; Clapton Orient v Reading; Tottenham v Millwall; West Ham v Arsenal.

(League South)  
Portsmouth v Bournemouth; Southampton v Brighton; Watford v Southampton.

(Midland Cup)  
Luton v Northampton; Mansfield v Lincoln; Notts Forest v Leicester; Walsall v West Bromwich.

(Combined Counties Cup)  
Semi-Final—Leeds v Huddersfield.

(Lancashire Cup)  
Blackpool v Manchester City; Burnley v Everton; Manchester United v Bolton; New Brighton v Chester.

(North Regional)  
Barnsley v Bradford City; Chesterfield v Middlesbrough; Doncaster v Rotherham; Liverpool v Oldham; Newcastle v Sheffield Wednesday; Rochdale v Crewe; Stockport v Southport; York v Hull.

(South Regional)  
Cardiff v Swansea; Stoke v Notts County.

The Scottish Football Association will also play an Army eleven.—Reuter.

# 1914—18 V.C. REJOINS

V.C. OF THE LAST WAR, CAPTAIN GABRIEL GEORGE COURRY HAS REJOINED THE ARMY.

He has been gazetted as a lieutenant in the R.A.M.C.

Captain Courry was a second lieutenant in South Lancashire Regiment when he won the V.C. in 1916.

During an advance he was in command of two platoons ordered to dig a communication trench from the old firing line to the position won.

By his utter contempt of danger, he kept up the spirits of his men and completed his task under intense fire.

Later, after his battalion had suffered severe casualties and the commanding officer had been wounded, he went out in front of the advanced position in broad daylight and in full view of the enemy rescued his commanding officer.

## GOERING GARDENS

For weeks a gaping bomb crater in a south-western town had interfered with car-parking arrangements outside a block of flats.

One morning the residents woke to find their crater had been beautified.

Stone ornaments from neighbouring gardens had been collected and tastefully arranged around the hole; three boxes of hydrangea blooms had been put on a ledge halfway down; flat stones had been arranged in a rough crazy paving at the bottom.

Dominating the hole was a chalked sign which read:—

"Goering Gardens."

The hole was filled in by the evening.

## FUGITIVE SWAM TWO RIVERS

Before an escaped German pilot was recaptured he swam two rivers and wandered for six days over rugged moorland and swamp.

Franz von Werra, twenty-six, lieutenant in the German Air Force, offered no resistance to the police at Esk Fell, a lonely spot on the moorland near Ulpha, on the Cumberland border.

Exhausted through lack of food, he was taken to the prison from which he had escaped.

# CITES A WOMAN OF 86!

A woman of eight-six has been cited as co-respondent in a divorce suit in Australia.

Mrs. Margaret May Dietmair, aged seventy-five, petitioning for a divorce on the ground of adultery, said she saw her seventy-four-year-old husband in bed with Mrs. Lowe, aged eight-six.

Mr. Justice Roper, of New South Wales Supreme Court, said:

"Where is the evidence of adultery? Put an ordinary man and woman in bed and I would have no hesitation at arriving at that conclusion. But there is a doubt here, with a couple aged seventy-four and eighty-six."

Mrs. Dietmair said her relations with her husband right up to the time he left her last year had been the normal relationship of husband and wife.

She was granted a decree nisi.—British United Press.

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# Rule Regarding Matches Interfered With By Rain

## Unfinished Matches Must Be Replayed

### Bowlers Handicapped By Saturday's Persistent Drizzle

By "Adrem"

MOST OF SATURDAY'S cricket programme was washed out, only two matches being played, and although University were rather unkind to Recreio first eleven—the draw that resulted from their match at Pokfulum may well cost the latter team the League—one of the chief topics of discussion among cricketers during the week has been on the possible risk taken by Recreio in continuing the match when it appeared very unlikely that it could be finished.

General opinion, so far as I have been able to ascertain, has it that if one innings had been completed and the match then abandoned, the result would have been a draw.

#### The Rule

Reference to a copy of the Rules of the Hong Kong Cricket League which I have in my possession, however, reveals that this is not the case.

The Rule states:—"In case a match is not finished on account of rain, it shall be replayed."

This had me a bit puzzled to start with as I misinterpreted the word "finish," and came to the conclusion, taking the case of Saturday's match as an illustration, that if there had been periods during which play had been suspended, Recreio might have been in a position to have claimed a replay on the grounds that these interruptions prevented a "finish."

But, of course, the game did finish, in that play was in progress at the time fixed by the League for the drawing of stumps. Covered by the rule teams in the running for championships need have no misgivings about attempting to finish a match if the weather is threatening, although they would be unfortunate if they had run up a big total, the other side were, say, 100 runs behind with nine wickets down at 5 p.m., and rain washed out further play.

#### Gosano Criticised

Reverting to the match between University and Recreio, I have heard Eddie Gosano criticised for allowing the match to continue under the conditions prevailing. Apparently he was given the option of carrying on or stopping but chose the former course and play did carry on, without a single break, until the bitter end.

Runs came easily for Recreio, especially easily for Eddie Gosano himself, and, well ahead of the clock and with a powerful bowling side, he must have felt certain that in the time the Recreio rate of scoring would have allowed for the dismissal of their opponents, the task would have been an easy one.

After initial success, when Matthews and Ride were dismissed cheaply, he soon found his mistake. If the University bowlers were unable to keep control of the slippery ball neither were Recreio's and on the dead true matting wicket University found little difficulty in playing out time—most of the University batsmen can present a straight bat when necessary.

#### Miserable Affair

The junior match at King's Park was a miserable affair and after three University wickets had fallen quickly it was only a question of whether University would be able to repeat their performance of the previous week against K.C.C. and force a draw. Alves and Silva bowled too well for them and they failed by 15 minutes.

#### Holiday Matches

The following have been selected to represent the first team against Hong Kong Cricket Club on Monday and Tuesday, starting at 11 o'clock each day—

E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, F. R. Zimmern, A. Zimmern, F. J. Lay, N. A. Broadbridge, N. A. E. Mackay, 12th man E. Zimmern.



## CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Craigengower in league and friendly cricket matches on Saturday:

Firsts v Civil Service, League (Away):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulise, A. Hung, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Youngsaye, Reserve: T. H. Edgar.

Seconds v Army, Friendly (Home):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, O. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way, Reserve: L. Choa.

#### Recreio Team

The following will represent Recreio against Kowloon in a second division league match on Saturday at Recreio.—E. A. R. Alves, P. M. N. da Silva Jr., H. A. Barros, A. J. M. Prata, A. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho, B. T. Gosano, J. A. Soares, F. J. Remedios, M. d'Almada, Remedios, A. H. d'Almada Remedios.

#### K.C.C. Selections

Following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday:—

1st XI (v University, home):—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, F. R. Zimmern, A. Zimmern, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay.

2nd XI (v Recreio, away):—S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, F. Goodwin, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor and L. R. Burch, 12th man Major W. W. Parsons.

#### Junior Team

Second eleven will entertain Royal Engineers at Kowloon on Monday. Following is the team:—S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, W. W. Parsons, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenton, B. D. Lay and 12th man, R. Leigh.

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hockey Association tournament fixtures for Sunday:—

10.30 a.m.  
Khalsa v A. N. Other XI  
5th A.A. "A" v Police "A"  
Recreio v Police "B"  
Nomads v Destroyers  
4 p.m.  
C.B.A. v 21 M.T.B.  
R.E. v Gunboats  
University v 5th A.A. "B"  
Signals v Punjabs

## GRAPHIC GOLF



### Crisp Iron Play

BY BEST BALL

Decisiveness is essential in iron shots. The ball must be hit crisply, firmly for good results. Hesitancy reflects itself in the execution of the stroke and the sharp bite, which should be imparted by the clubface to the ball, is lost. The stroke starts down by a pull of the left arm downward as illustrated in the top illustration above. As the left heel returns to the ground the right elbow returns to the right side, thereby keeping the arms in close to the body.

The hitting area featured in the second illustration features the uncocking of the wrists, which speeds up the clubhead and allows the right hand to slap the clubhead down onto the ball as in the lower figure. The loft of the clubface and the spin imparted by this downstroke will raise the ball, the clubhead taking turf only after the ball is struck. There is considerable body turn in the above execution but the arch of the back remains constant and fixed along with the head, thus preventing any disturbance of the relation of distance between the arms, club and ball.

Next Article—A Tip On The Chip.

## NAVY UNBEATEN RUGBY CHAMPIONS: BEAT POLICE 9-4

By "Scrum-Half"

NAVY CONCLUDED THEIR QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY WITH AN UNBEATEN RECORD, DEFEATING POLICE AT CAUSEWAY BAY BY THREE TRIES (9 PTS.) TO A DROPPED GOAL (4 PTS.) AFTER LEADING 6-4 AT THE INTERVAL.

Police lost the first encounter, at Boundary Street, by 20 pts. to nil, but yesterday, strengthened by the inclusion of Wilson, first as full-back and then at centre-three-quarter, and Innes, though still without Wall, Luscombe, Searle and Dempsey, they were a new team and gave Navy a really hard game.

Navy were unfortunate to lose Paul just before the interval, as the result of an injured leg—it does not appear to be serious, however, and he is likely to play on Saturday for England—but Police received an even greater setback at the commencement of the second half, when Morrison injured his shoulder and also had to leave the field. Wright-Nooth went to scrum-half, but his absence from the pack proved too much for Police, robbing them of much of their sting.

### 31 OUT OF 69!

Of Navy's total of 69 points in the Tournament, Paul himself scored 31!

It was a forward's game under the heavy conditions and the Navy pack gave of their best. Watson, Stockham, Eager and King being only a shade better than the other three—Mandfield took Paul's place in the three-quarter line. Honeywill was well watched, as was Rutherford, especially by Wright-Nooth, and McGill gave his best display this season, scoring an excellent try

## TOURNAMENT TABLE

	Pts.	P.W.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	6	5	1	69	15	11
Club	6	3	2	87	48	8
Army	5	1	1	38	43	3
Police	5	0	0	21	109	0

### Wright-Nooth Best

Wilson had little to do at full-back, but he made his presence felt in the three-quarter line—he changed places with Dingsdale—timely tackles holding up many Navy attacks. Jackson played well at fly-half, handling extremely soundly, and if only he would tackle low he would be a very useful player. At forward Wright-Nooth was again in a class of his own—he is probably the fittest man playing Rugby to-day—while Innes, Hogarth and Oakley often caught the eye.

A penalty kick from almost on the touch line led to the opening score, Taylor's instep effort being knocked on badly by Winter, and from the five-yard scrum Innes got the ball back to Wright-Nooth, who calmly dropped a goal from almost in front of the posts. Wright-Nooth saved the Police line a moment later when he grassed Paul, who had made a good corkscrew run and had then attempted to cut inwards to catch the Police defence off their balance. He had only five yards to go when he was brought down.

### Paul Injured

Navy, however, scored soon after. Bowden, ducking under Reynolds' high tackle and passing to Paul when partially tackled by Wilson for that player to go over in the corner for a try which he just failed to convert. Paul then had a chance of giving Navy the lead when Jackson was penalised for offside play in his own 25, but his kick went wide. In the next minute Paul injured his leg, following a collision with Wright-Nooth, and had to leave the field. Mandfield came out of the pack and Navy continued to press until Rutherford came round the blind side of the scrum and hurled himself over the line half way between the posts and touch. Wilson narrowly missed landing a goal and half time arrived with Navy leading 6-4.

### Morrison Hurt

Police lost Morrison in the opening minutes of the second half and brought Wright-Nooth out of the pack to fill the vacancy. Little of note occurred until towards the close—loose scrums and line-outs being the order of the day—when McGill secured and handed off two opponents, Taylor and Dingsdale, before touching down in the corner after a spectacular 25-yard run. King failed to convert and this ended the scoring, although McGill narrowly missed scoring in the last minute of the game when he followed up a punt ahead by Honeywill, only a faulty bounce saving the Police line.

J. Redman refereed and the teams were:—

NAVY—Morahan, McGill, Honeywill, Paul and Bowden; Carter and Rutherford; Winter, Watson, Mandfield; Stockham, King; Eager, Palmer and Poole.

POLICE—Wilson; Taylor, Dingsdale, Fay and Reynolds; Jackson and Morrison; Cullinan, Lewis, Rose; Oakley, Jenner; Wright-Nooth, Hogarth and Innes.

## LAST MATCH ON FEBRUARY 1

The only remaining game in the tournament, Police v Army, will be played at Boundary Street on February 1.

## FRENCH RACE HORSES IN ENGLAND

WHAT IS TO BE DONE about those French racehorses in this country whose owners can't be found? The solution is not in sight.

In some cases trainers have been unable to find any authority to which they can look for paying the training and feeding bills, writes a Home correspondent.

As a racehorse these days costs four good English pounds in food and attendance per week unless put out to grass, the matter looks serious enough.

One trainer, at least, has made official inquiries and has been told he can do nothing except possess his soul in patience.

It is not every French owner, of course, who has been placed in the dilemma of being kept virtually a prisoner in France, and unable to get in touch with his English trainer.

### Leon Volterra Here

I have seen the French theatre magnate, M. Leon Volterra, on English tracks, and I have little doubt Frank Butters will be turning out some good winners for a patron who has supplied many high-class horses in this country. I see, too, that Steve Donoghue has entered some of M. Boushac's horses in races.

But we shall have to wait till peace returns and Hitler fades into no more than an evil name before we see all the famous French colours again together—the orange and grey of M. Boushac, the maroon and yellow stripes of M. St. Alary, the blue and white of Mr. Wertheimer, and the blue and yellow hoops of Baron Edouard de Rothschild.

### Valued At Six Figures

Some of the horses affected are of high class. At a peace-time valuation they would be worth something in six figures, and they certainly added strength and prestige to British racing.

Indeed, in the years just before the war they won as many good races as the famous British breeders began to wonder whether our breeders were the Channel were rearing a new type of super-horse. Now the picture is changed.



## K.C.C. BEAT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's will not now be promoted from "B" Division to "A" Division of the Badminton League.

Last night, without Eardley, they went down to K.C.C. by the odd game, despite a great effort by Smith and Wilson who won all three games.

In other matches St. Andrew's beat Police and V.R.C. beat Jewish Recreation Club.

Following were the scores:-

St. John's lost to Kowloon Cricket Club by 5 games to 4.

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's).

lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 11-21

beat J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones 21-18

lost to A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann 15-21

N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's).

beat Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 21-13

beat Anderson and Jones 21-19

beat Guest and Zimmermann 21-16

R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's).

lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 12-21

lost to Anderson and Jones 6-21

lost to Guest and Zimmermann 9-21

### J.R.C. v. V.R.C.

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Victoria Recreation Club by 5 games to 4.

J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.).

lost to D. N. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 21-23

beat A. A. Remedios and F. Castro 21-10

beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21-12

A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.).

lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 10-21

lost to Remedios and Castro 21-23

lost to Basto and Soares 7-21

S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.).

lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 8-21

beat Remedios and Castro 21-7

beat Basto and Soares 21-14

### St. Andrew's v. Police

Playing at home, St. Andrew's beat Police by 8 games to 1.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's).

beat W. Gillies and L. Gordon 21-18

beat H. Dingsdale and J. Ferrier 21-5

beat C. Y. Siu and J. Shepherd 21-2

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's).

beat Gillies and Gordon 21-9

## "B" DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	4	0	4	23	13	8
King's	3	0	3	21	6	6
St. John's	4	1	3	20	11	6
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recrelo	3	1	2	17	10	4
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18	4
V.R.C.	3	2	1	8	19	2
St. Andrew's	4	3	1	17	19	2
Police	4	4	0	7	26	0
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0

beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21-8  
beat Siu and Shepherd 21-5  
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's).  
lost to Gillies and Gordon 15-21  
beat Dingsdale and Ferrier 21-8  
beat Siu and Shepherd 21-5

### Match Postponed

The match between King's College and Club de Recrelo was postponed, owing to the fact that T. Lam and T. H. Lo of King's were injured during a recent game.

# BET WINNINGS WAITING FOR UNTRACED SOLDIER-BACKERS

HERE'S A STRANGE war echo. In the office of a leading firm of London bookmakers there are many cheques for winning bets made by soldier-customers waiting collection, writes a Home correspondent.

They were duly sent out on settling days during racing last winter and spring, but came back marked "address not known."

I have no doubt other big starting-price bookmakers have had the same experience.

The probable explanation is the movements of B.E.F. troops prior to Dunkirk.

Most of the untraced winners may now be prisoners of war in Germany. Some, alas! may never return.

What is certain is that whenever the untraced soldiers come back they will find their money waiting for them and no one hap-

pier to hand it over than the bookmaker.

### There Are Others

The reverse side of the picture is the man who left for other spheres of action without having the chance of paying his bookie.

It is to the credit of the much-abused layers that they never dream of bringing actions against soldier-debtors.

The civilian defaulter is in a different category, and I gather is increasing in numbers.

One Tattersall's rails man who did not attend the Nottingham

meeting said to me: "First of all I have to win on the day and then I have to collect the cash. I can easily win money on the book, but lose on the day."

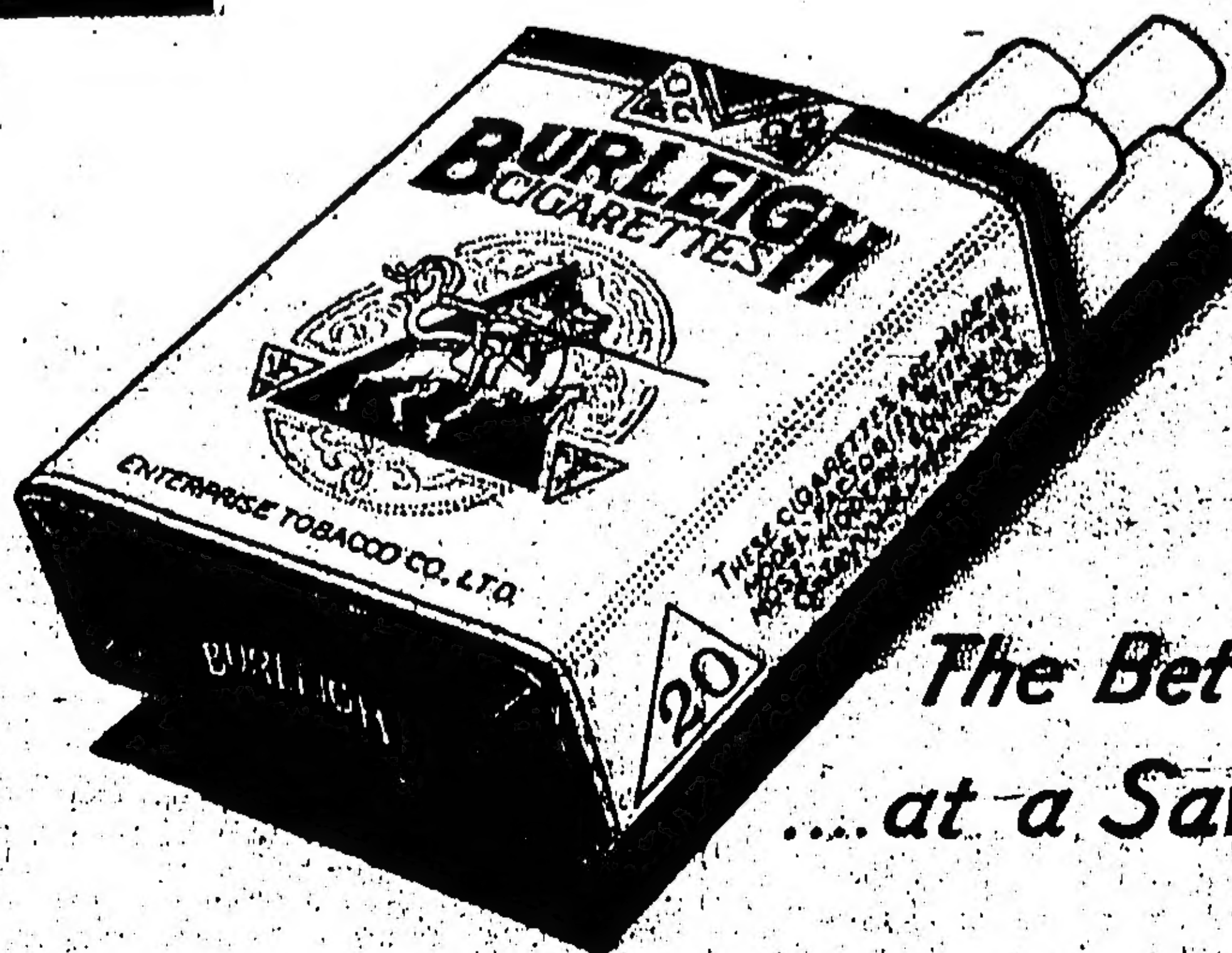
## SWIMMING EXHIBITION

Members of the Rikkyo University swimming team, who recently competed with great success in the Philippines championships, will give an exhibition in the European Y.M.C.A. pool to-day at 2 p.m. A charge of \$1 will be made, 50 per cent. of which will be donated to charity.

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## SERVICE OTHER RANKS NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL

By "Adrem"

I was officially informed this morning that Service personnel, other than officers, will not be available for the trip to Macao for the annual Hockey Interport with the Portuguese port.

Several changes have accordingly been made in the trial teams for Saturday which will now be as follows:-

Colours:-V. M. Benwell (Club); V. Bond (Club) and R. G. K. Thompson (Club); M. H. Hassan (Khalsa); W. A. Reed (Club) and N. B. M. Whitley (Club); Tejja Singh (Police); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Jashir Singh (Police); J. Fonseca (Recrelo) and W. Brown (Police).

Whites:-U. B. Souza (Khalsa); Man Singh (Police) and A. M. Xavier (Nomads); D. McLellan (Club); Capt. Woods (Rajputs) and T. Alves (Recrelo); Lt. J. Ross (Punjab); M. Akram (Punjab); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) and Narwant Singh (Police).

Following are requested to attend:-D. T. Smith (C.B.A.); R. Marques (Recrelo); B. I. Bickford (Club); J. Goncalves (Recrelo); R. J. Reed (Nomads) and Capt. Kampta Parash (Punjab).



# FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

## Debate In Commons On "Daily Worker" Closure

### FULL WATER SUPPLY DURING NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Restrictions on water supply are to be entirely suspended for three days during the Chinese New Year holidays, the "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

An all-day water service will be provided on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, after which the daily supply will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. as at present.

### CHINA-BURMA NEGOTIATIONS

Satisfactory results have been attained in negotiations between the Burmese Government Mission and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government departments concerned with problems between China and Burma, especially those affecting overseas affairs and communications. The negotiations which have been going on since the arrival of the Mission in Chungking on January 15 are still in progress. — Central News.

## Mr. Herbert Morrison Explains

**SUPPRESSION OF THE Communist newspaper "Daily Worker" provoked a miniature debate at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.**

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said the authorities' action was taken not because of any recent change or development in the character of this publication nor because of the appearance therein of some particular articles, but because it had been for a long period the newspaper's settled policy to try to create a state of mind in which readers would refrain from cooperating in the national war effort and become ready to hinder the effort.

It was his firm conviction that the freedom of the press should be maintained, even at the risk that it may sometimes be abused.

"But there is a wide difference between accepting such occasional risks and allowing continuous publication of newspapers whose deliberate purpose is to weaken the will of the people to achieve victory in the most momentous struggle in our history.

"Object of its propaganda is to cause the downfall of Democratic Constitutional government regardless of the consequences to the fate of Britain and her Allies.

### Forbearance

"Before Government took action there had been a long period of forbearance."

Mr. William Gallagher (Communist) asked whether the Government action coincided with the "introduction of proposals to conscript labour" and was meant to suppress all opposition to it.

Mr. Morrison said there was not the slightest connection between the two things.

When the decision was reached to suppress the "Daily Worker" he had not the slightest knowledge that these proposals were coming forward.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) asked whether an opportunity would be given to discuss the matter in the House.

### Mr. Churchill Intervenes

The Prime Minister intervened to say that if there was sufficient desire to debate the matter naturally an opportunity would be given and he hoped the motion would be pressed to a division so that "we may clearly see what is the balance of opinion in the House." — Reuter.

### TOBRUK CAPTURED—OFFICIAL THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS

(Continued from Page 1) were caught in a barrage of Italian guns in Tobruk.

It is understood that Tobruk contained at least one full Italian division and a small element of a second division, as well as the permanent garrison and additional artillery units.

### Final Blow

The British estimate that Graziani has lost two-thirds of all the Italian forces stationed in Libya since the British offensive began on December 9.

The final blow against Tobruk was accompanied by widespread R.A.F. activity including a raid on the heart of the port itself while the Imperial Army continued the thrusts into Italian East Africa. — International News Service.

### Taken By Storm

Thousands of prisoners and a large number of guns, quantities of ammunition, light tanks and transport vehicles have been captured.

All sectors of resistance in the environs of Tobruk had been cleaned up by dusk.

The heavy batteries of the Italian defence, positioned in Tobruk itself, were carried by storm by Australian troops, while other units held down the Italian infantry in the western district of the port.

British casualties are reported to be very low despite the fact that the Italians offered more stubborn fighting than in any previous engagement. — International News Service.

## GREEK REPORTED SHOT

The new German Minister to Rumania was expected to arrive in Bucharest last evening, says a Bucharest despatch to the Italian official news agency.

The Greek who killed a member of the German military mission is reported to have been shot after a court martial.

Fifteen Greeks are said to have been arrested for examination. — Reuter.

## ASSETS IN FRENCH CONCESSION

Three Japanese and four Chinese were arrested yesterday by police of the French Concession in the Ta Fang Hotel at Cheng Kia Mu Kiao on a charge of using coercive measures to make the shops accept notes issued by the "Central Reserve Bank," says a Shanghai despatch. — Central News.

## Mr. Paul Spender 'Bombed'

Mr. Paul Spender, the Australian Army Minister, was "bombed" in his car by skylarking soldiers in Sydney yesterday.

The "bomb," which was made of a mixture of flour and chalk, "exploded" over Mr. Spender's chauffeur.

The soldiers, who were in a military truck with a shark tied on the back, threw the "bomb" as Mr. Spender was on the way from Palm Beach to the City.

Mr. Spender took the bombing in good part, saying: "The boys were having a good time. I don't intend to take any action." — Reuter.

## DERELICT JUNK

According to the local naval authorities, a derelict junk was found yesterday at a position of Latitude 22 deg. 19-3/4 North and Longitude 114 deg. 24 East.

## STOP PRESS

No hope is now held out for the lives of the four persons buried under earth and rocks in the landslide at the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Church in Ventris Road.

The Fire Brigade and ambulance have left the scene and the only vehicle remaining is the Mortuary van.

At 2.30 p.m. after digging for six hours, P. W. D. Coolies had not come across any sign of the bodies.

At 2 p.m. they reached parts of the roof of the house.

### (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British troops in Libya are now reported to be 100 miles west of Tobruk, nearing Derna and meeting with no resistance. — International News Service.

Chinese press reports this afternoon state according to a message from Saigon, several Japanese ships, loaded with war material have arrived at Bangkok.

## DEATH

LO CHEUNG IP, aged 70, on January 23rd, at Moreton Terrace. Funeral will pass Wing Pit Ting, Pokfulam, on Friday, January 24th at 2 p.m.

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